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Clinton video being released

By news agencies
WASHINGTON — A US House of Representatives panel will tomorrow release President Bill Clinton's videotaped testimony on his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, flooding Americans with even more sexually explicit details.
Clinton's defenders braced yesterday for the release of a mountain of new detail from the Starr investigation, including, congressional sources said, transcripts of messages the chief executive left Lewinsky's telephone answering machine.
After a rancorous two-day closed-door debate, the Republican-led Judiciary Committee voted on party lines on Friday to release the videotape and 2,800 pages of documents about Clinton's relationship with the former White House intern.
The tape of Clinton's grand jury testimony, along with Lewinsky's deposition and other documents, are to be released as early as 9 a.m. Washington time. The videotape of Clinton's testimony runs more than four hours.
Several officials have said in recent days that the videotape shows Clinton evasive and sometimes angry when questioned about various sex acts with Lewinsky, frequently referring prosecutors back to a prepared statement he read at the beginning of his questioning.

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Congressman objects to Clinton tapes on Rosh Hashana

By Jerusalem Post Staff

NEW YORK — It is "unsavory" and an "outrage" for the House Judiciary Committee to release a videotape and documents of the testimony of US President Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal on Rosh Hashana, a Jewish congressman said on Friday.
"To release them on the Jewish High Holy Days is really an outrage. It's very, very insensitive," said Gary Ackerman, a Democratic congressman representing Queens.
Some 20 constituents complained to Ackerman about the timing. The New York Post reported yesterday.
But Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League, did not object to the timing.
The material doesn't pertain to the Jewish community, and besides, "the world doesn't stop on Rosh Hashana," Foxman told the newspaper. "For most of America, it's a Monday like any other Monday."
Out of deference to Jewish members and staff, however, Congress is not considering legislation today or tomorrow.



Have a great year!
Four year olds at a WIZO nursery school in Jerusalem welcome the New Year on Friday with apples and honey, pomegranates, and song.

Swiss offended by PM's praise of Bronfman

By DANNA HARMAN
and news agencies

The publication of a personal letter written by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to World Jewish Congress leader Edgar Bronfman has offended the Swiss and has them rethinking an invitation to Netanyahu to visit

Switzerland in November.
The letter, which was leaked to the press, thanked Bronfman for his efforts in fighting for the restitution of Jewish funds and praised his behavior throughout the negotiations.
"You have provided moral leadership in a long and tough struggle against those who profited from the unspeakable suffering of millions of Jews," said Netanyahu in the August 28 letter. "You have done this with great pride, dignity, skill, and aplomb."
The Swiss government, which feels Bronfman exaggerated in his attacks against Switzerland during the negotiations, is reportedly taken aback by Netanyahu's letter. The letter was leaked and printed on Friday in a regional Swiss newspaper, the *Thurgauer Zeitung*.
Swiss Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Yasmine Chatila said in Bern that the government was reconsidering whether to go ahead with a high-level Swiss-Israeli economic seminar planned for November.
Netanyahu has already said he would attend the conference.
Earlier this year, Netanyahu criticized a remark Bronfman made that a "total war" was needed against the Swiss.
When Swiss President Flavio Cotti visited Israel in May, Netanyahu criticized such bellicose statements.

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IDF places full closure on territories

By SHI DAVIDI and Tim

The IDF imposed full closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Friday afternoon to prevent terrorist groups from taking advantage of Rosh Hashana to stage attacks. The closure is to remain in effect until Wednesday morning.
Even some 10,000 Palestinians who have been allowed into Israel with special permits during the partial closure last week are not being allowed in.
Security forces are maintaining a heightened alert in response to warnings that terrorist groups may try to kidnap soldiers or attack settlers, particularly in the holiday period.
The IDF is also organizing transportation for soldiers so that as few troops as possible will have to resort to hitchhiking to get home for the holiday.
The High Holy Days begin tonight at sunset with Erev Rosh Hashana, as families across the country gather to celebrate the

start of year 5759. Rosh Hashana continues until sunset Tuesday.
Families will celebrate with festive meals and will dip apples in honey to symbolize hope for a sweet year.
Synagogues are expected to be filled with worshippers reciting penitential prayers and listening to the shofar. The holiday is the first of 10 days of penitence which culminate on Yom Kippur on September 30.
Tomorrow, during the holiday's first day, many worshippers will make their way to a body of water, where they will perform the *tashtich* ceremony, symbolically casting their sins into the water.
Histadrut offices, the National Insurance Institute, schools, and kindergartens are closed today. Banks, government and municipal offices will be open until noon.
Egged announced that buses will stop running today at 4:30 p.m. and will resume Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
The next issue of *The Jerusalem Post* will appear on Wednesday.

Arafat willing to meet PM Ross leaves without agreement

By DANNA HARMAN

After 11 days of exhaustive talks, US special envoy Dennis Ross's mission ended late last night inconclusively and he returned to Washington.
Although Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat indicated yesterday he would be willing to meet with Prime Minister

week in New York a worthwhile exercise.
Since Arafat and Netanyahu appear likely to meet while both are at the opening of the UN General Assembly session, it can be said that some progress was made.

However, the main issues of contention — the question of the IDF withdrawal and the issue of Palestinian commitment to fighting terror — remain unresolved, and each side continues to blame the other for the ongoing deadlock.

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Benjamin Netanyahu next week in New York, both sides said there had been no real breakthrough during Ross's visit.
Ross's original goal was to bring the sides close enough to a second redeployment deal so as to make a three-way summit meeting — among US President Bill Clinton, Netanyahu, and Arafat — next

"There has been a certain amount of progress, but several issues remain under contention. Israel expects a clear response to its demands regarding the Palestinian fulfillment of their commitments," said a statement by Netanyahu's office following Ross's meeting with the prime minister.

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Tze'elim 2 draft report completed

By RATSHEVA TSUR
and SARAH HONIG

A draft version of the State Comptroller's Report on the Tze'elim 2 training accident has been completed and has been sent to those concerned, the comptroller's spokesman said at the weekend. Five soldiers were killed and five wounded in the November 5, 1992 training accident.

One of the recipients of the report was Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who was chief of General Staff at the time of the accident and was later accused by bereaved parents of leaving the scene without assuring that all proper care was given to the wounded.

Barak has repeatedly denied the charges. However, it is not clear whether the draft report

exonerates him as its contents cannot be revealed.

The investigation into the events at Tze'elim had been started but not completed by then-state comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat. When he took over the position, State Comptroller Eliezer Goldberg said he would give precedence to completing the investigation.

The comptroller circulates a draft report among those concerned for comment. The report is then reassessed in the light of the remarks before its contents are published.

Barak yesterday expressed satisfaction with the draft findings he was shown. Without going into specifics, Barak noted that he "had always known that I acted properly - as the chief of staff should act before, during, and after a disaster. I always

knew that my conduct in this sort of situation was impeccable." He declined to make additional comment, saying he is "prevented from speaking until the report is made public."

There was near jubilation in the Labor Party regarding the draft. One very highly placed source said that "if anyone had any wish to finish off Barak's political career via this incident, then this report would unequivocally foil whatever plans were in the making and would quash whatever hopes were being built up."

The source said the draft does not delve deeply into Barak's role in the incident and that there is only very minor criticism of Barak.

In effect, alleges the source, the Labor leader emerges clean from the state comptroller's investigation.



Hang-gliding fatality

Paramedics retrieve the body of a 24-year-old man from Petah Tikva who was killed yesterday when his hang-glider plummeted several hundred meters and crashed into the side of a cliff on the Golan Heights near Kibbutz Gonen. His name was not released for publication. The site is popular with hang-gliding enthusiasts because of its thermal air currents and the fact that the cliffs enable them to reach a good height straight from take-off. (Aviva Shapiro)

US: UN awaits Iraqi decision on inspections

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - As the latest crisis with Iraq mounts, the UN Security Council is awaiting an "authoritative response" from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein about compliance with UN weapons inspectors, according to the acting US envoy to the UN.

"We are currently again in a crisis with Iraq," the acting ambassador, Peter Burleigh, said Friday in New York at his first official meeting with the foreign press.

But he dismissed as opinions the calls in the last week by the Iraqi Parliament and the Revolutionary Command Council for an end to all cooperation with UN weapons inspectors.

The Security Council is waiting for an "authoritative response" from Hussein about the resumption of weapons inspections.

Burleigh said.

But, he said, "I don't know," when asked how long the Security Council was prepared to be "patient" with Iraq.

President Bill Clinton is expected to rail against Iraq when he addresses the General Assembly tomorrow.

Clinton's speech will open two weeks of addresses to the 53rd session of the assembly by the UN's 180 member states and observers.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to take the podium on Thursday.

The US in February had threatened the "severest consequences" if Iraq failed to comply with UN weapons inspectors.

Since the August 5 Iraqi decision to stop on-site inspections, the Security Council has suspended regular reviews of sanctions against Iraq, putting Baghdad

under an indefinite embargo.

In February, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan negotiated an agreement with Iraq that had reopened weapons inspections.

Under the current Iraqi interpretation, that pact called for ending the embargo on Iraq. However, the Annan agreement did not promise an automatic end to sanctions.

Burleigh, a career diplomat, will lead the American delegation at the UN this session, because Clinton's nomination of Richard Holbrooke for the UN post has been sidelined.

Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 Dayton accord that ended the three-year war in Bosnia, is under federal scrutiny about his financial disclosures and for allegations that he improperly used State Department contacts to benefit his current employer, Credit Suisse.

US, Israel to boost joint missile defense efforts

By HILLEL KUTTLER
and LIAT COLLINS

Israeli and American legislators agreed in Washington to intensify cooperation on missile defense.

In a joint statement released Friday following their first-ever round of meetings, the US-Israeli interparliamentary committee on national security said it is in the interest of Washington and Jerusalem to finish developing missile defense systems "as completely and effectively as possible."

While the Arrow program is helping to narrow the gap between their enemies' ability to deploy a missile and the American-Israeli ability to shoot it down, the statement said that "unless higher prior-

ity and greater urgency" is devoted to the missile defense efforts "the gap is more likely to widen than to close."

A bipartisan delegation headed by Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau completed four days of meetings Thursday that included a House national security committee hearing on the personal losses suffered by those hit by Iraqi Scuds during the Gulf War, both in Israel and at US bases in Saudi Arabia.

The commission, headed by MK Uzi Landau (Likud), also warned that intelligence agencies might not be able to ensure sufficient warning time to deploy necessary defenses.

"Hostile states are investing in

programs to improve the range, accuracy, reliability and penetrability of their missiles and to develop additional weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons," the commission said.

"The time lines for such programs are short, and within a few years such states will enhance substantially their capabilities in this field. Our intelligence agencies may not be able to ensure enough warning time of threatening developments regarding missiles and non-conventional weapons to allow our policy makers, in a timely fashion, to deploy necessary defenses."

Congressional officials promised the Israelis that funding would be maintained on all current missile defense programs.

Settlers press for release of suspect in Beitunya killing

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court will decide this morning whether to extend the remand of Avshalom Ladan, 35, from the settlement of Dolev, who is suspected of shooting and killing a Palestinian youth on Thursday when he opened fire on stonethrowers.

Another youth was moderately injured in the shooting in Beitunya, near Ramallah.

On Friday the court extended Ladan's remand until today.

Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Opher Sivan said police had not completed their investigation and had yet to determine if Ladan fired in self-defense.

"We are consulting with the district attorney's office and will decide what steps to take," said Sivan.

Settlers protested against keeping Ladan in custody, since in their view he opened fire because his life was in danger.

Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said that for several months Jewish residents had complained about daily stonethrowing incidents on the road leading to Dolev.

She said there were three routes to the settlement, but that "no matter which way you travel rocks are thrown at you."

In a show of support, friends and relatives from Dolev as well as Pinhas Wallerstein and Aharon Domb, key members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea,

Samar and Gaza were present at Friday's court hearing. According to Domb, the State Attorney's office and police initially requested that Ladan be held for eight days.

MK Hanan Porat criticized Ladan's arrest saying the message security forces are giving Jewish residents in Judea, Samaria and Gaza was that they should not open fire even when their lives are in danger. Council members plan to protest outside the Russian Compound in Jerusalem today in support of Ladan.

"If he pulled his gun out then he did so in self-defense. If he hadn't, we may have been forced to attend a funeral instead. Think! goodness he is alive," Tayar said.

Tayar said Ladan doesn't recall hitting anyone when he fired the shots. "Maybe the police have the wrong person," she said adding that according to reports the car the Palestinians described at the scene apparently is not the same type that was driven by Ladan.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said the shooting showed the need for international guarantees for the protection of Palestinians in the territories. "These crimes happen and we have not heard any denunciation of such acts by the Israeli government," he said.

PA officials charged Israel was to blame for the shooting and demanded that Ladan be turned over to them to stand trial. Arafat's adviser, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, called on Israel to refrain from releasing Ladan for Rosh Hashana.

Ladan turned himself in early Thursday evening after hearing reports on the radio that 17-year-old Iyad Rahwa Qarabasi had died of his wounds and 16-year-old Mahmoud Issa Jabarin had been hospitalized with a stomach wound in Ramallah Hospital.

Qarabasi was given a PA-organized martyr's funeral in Beitunya

on Friday afternoon. Hundreds attended and called for revenge. Clashes erupted afterwards between the IDF and Palestinians. Yesterday, clashes were also reported at the Ein Arlik junction near Beitunya.

In Hebron, more than 3,000

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NEWS

in brief

PM to discuss EU threat to boycott territories

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, and Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur are today to discuss the European Union's threat to boycott goods produced in the territories. According to Sharansky's office, there is a possibility that Israel will agree to remove its objection to the recently ratified EU free-trade agreement with the Palestinian Authority if the EU drops the boycott threat.

The trade agreement contradicts understandings between Israel and the Palestinians in the Paris agreements barring the PA from signing independent trade agreements in the interim stage.

Danna Harman

Gush Shalom: No Golan water in Ben & Jerry's

Gush Shalom said yesterday that Ben and Jerry's, the American ice cream producer, has cancelled a contract with the Mei Eden spring water bottler, after opposition to it in the US. The Mei Eden plant is located in the Golan Heights settlement of Katzin.

Gush Shalom, which cooperates with New Yorkers for a Just Peace, said the latter group spearheaded a letter campaign and threatened a boycott before receiving a letter from Ben and Jerry's confirming it no longer works with Mei Eden. Officials from Ben and Jerry's could not be reached for comment last night.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Holiday hiking tips

The Nature Protection and National Parks Authority is preparing for a flood of visitors over the holiday period and has issued safety precautions for hikers. The most basic rule is not to stray from the marked paths and to abide by warnings and notices.

The authority recommends planning routes in advance and letting someone else know the course you intend taking; start hikes early and under no circumstances hike in the dark; and take with between three to five liters of drinking water per person and do not drink from rivers and streams. Hikes through areas in which there are firing ranges require prior coordination with the IDF.

Tomorrow and Tuesday, the NPPA is offering free guided tours at several sites, although there is still an entrance fee.

Liat Collins

Federman indicted, then released from custody

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday dismissed a request by the state attorney to extend the remand of Noam Federman until the end of the proceedings against him.

During the same session, Federman was indicted for throwing metal projectiles at the houses of Palestinians in Hebron.

Federman was released, but prohibited from entering Hebron. He denied the charges and said in response that he is "being pursued in an obsessive way."

Itim

Druse: Army document insults Tarif's memory

Druse leaders decided Friday during an emergency gathering in Kafr Yasif in the western Galilee to hold a general strike in Druse villages on October 2. The strike will protest that a classified intelligence document - now disclosed - lists the anniversary of the death of Sheikh Amin Tarif, the late Druse leader, alongside anniversaries of the deaths of terrorists.

Itim

Gov't hospitals to go on emergency schedule Thursday

By JUDY SIEGEL

All government general hospitals will switch to an emergency schedule on Thursday after Magen David Adom said it will halt blood supplies, and other suppliers are stopping the provision of equipment, drugs and services.

The hospitals are in serious

deficit, because the public health funds - owed NIS 400 million by the Treasury - have not fully paid the state hospitals for treating their members.

The Treasury refuses to pay the health funds until they sign commitments limiting their expenditures and forgoing commitments about their income for 1999.

Directors of the state general hospitals (Sheba, Ichilov, Assaf Harofe, Wolfson, Hillel Jaffe, Rambam, Bnei Zion, Nahariya, Poriya, Sieff and Barzilai) said their cash flow has run out and their income drastically declined due to the inability of the insurers to pay their debts.

Many suppliers have said they

can no longer give them credit. The bills they haven't been able to pay include electricity, water, food, municipality rates, sewage, garbage removal, guards and transportation of staff.

Therefore, from 7 a.m. on Thursday, hospitals will halt their regular services and be able to handle only urgent cases, the

directors said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised Health Minister Yehoshua Matza on Friday that he would try to seek more funds for the health system when he returns from the US next week, the Health Ministry said. Matza also plans to meet hospital directors on Wednesday.

Klingberg released

By BAT-SHEVA TSUR

Ailing arch-spy Marcus Klingberg, 80, was released from prison on Friday morning after serving more than 15 years of an 18-year sentence for spying for the former Soviet Union.

Klingberg was released following a decision by the Beersheba District Court to which he appealed after the parole board decided not to free after serving two-thirds of his term.

The court said it had taken into account his health and age and had agreed to set him free on humanitarian grounds.

But Klingberg's freedom will be severely limited owing to opposition from the security forces, which say he can still pass on harmful information. He will be under stringent surveillance 24 hours a day and will be permitted to leave his home for only two hours every day.

Klingberg was arrested and brought to trial, under mysterious circumstances, in 1983 while on his way to attend a scientific conference in Europe.

At the time, he was deputy director of the Ness Ziona scientific research center and was a renowned expert on biological warfare.

Knesset panel launches effort to save school trips

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

With the threat of school trips being cancelled after the holidays due to insufficient armed escorts, Knesset Interior Committee chairman Micha Goldman met with police, parents, the Education Ministry, and the army to try to find a solution.

Goldman said after the meeting on Thursday that the police would be asked to supply 50 carbines, rather than the current 30, to guard companies, thereby increasing the potential number of armed escorts on the trips.

The IDF last week decided to enforce its ban against soldiers on leave moonlighting for guard companies while using their army-issue weapons, thus eliminating most of the potential armed escorts.

The committee also sent requests to the prime minister, finance minister, and the labor and social affairs minister to include guard work as a preferred profession for demobilized soldiers.

"This will increase the level of the escort, and motivate the demobilized soldiers to get into this line of work," Goldman said. He said this would also reduce the prices charged for such escorts. IDF Deputy OC Manpower Brig-Gen. Onn Ragounis voiced support for the idea.

Israel Parents Association chairman Shai Lachman was skeptical about whether anything could be done in time to save school trips scheduled for immediately after the holidays. He also said he had again raised the issue of the effectiveness of the carbine.



Netanyahu visits the Wall


Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his eldest son Yair visited the Western Wall Friday morning. This was Netanyahu's first visit to the Wall as prime minister. The note he put with-in its crevices read: "Peace for my children, my family, for all the children of Israel, for Jerusalem and for the state of Israel."

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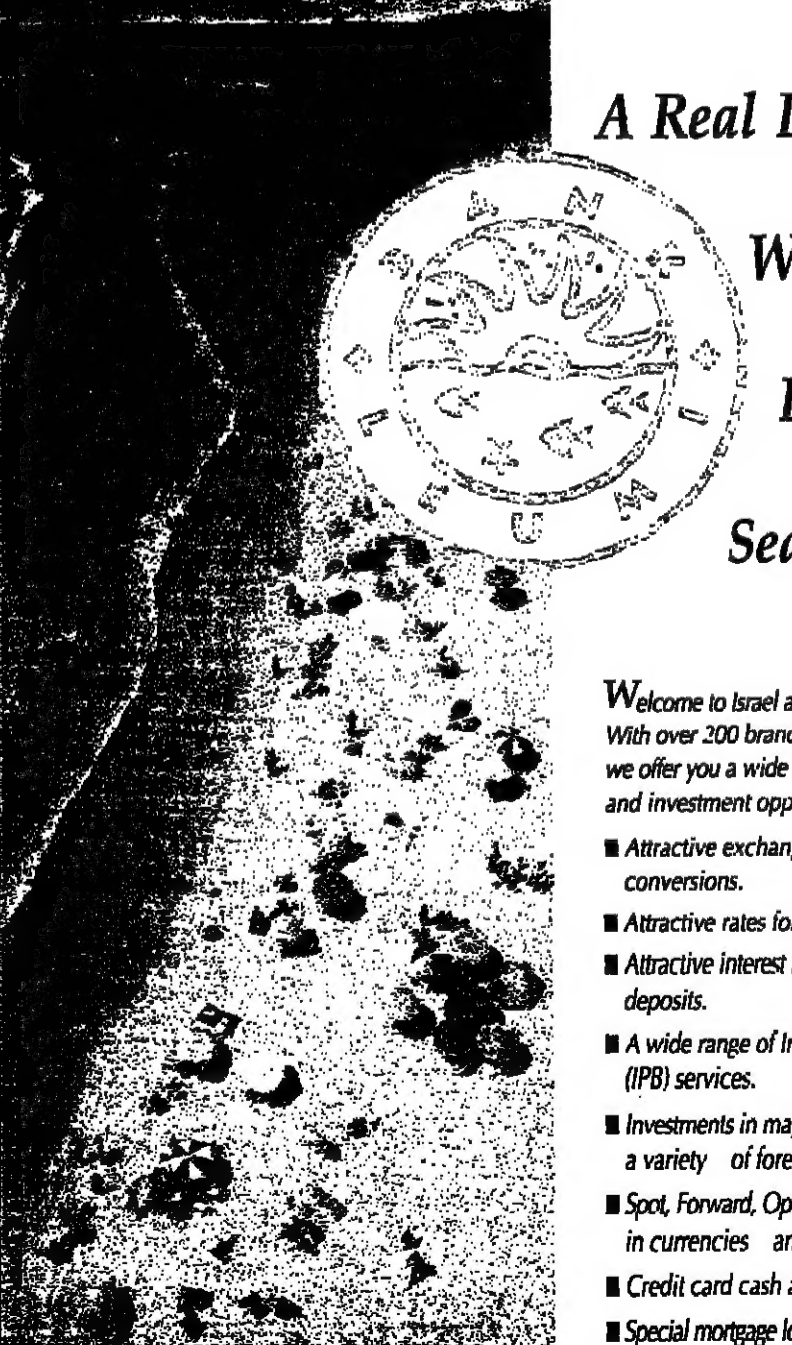
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Israeli survivors seek to keep options open against Swiss National Bank

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Israeli Holocaust survivors have called on a US federal judge not to block future claims against the Swiss National Bank as part of the \$1.25 billion settlement last month with major Swiss banks.

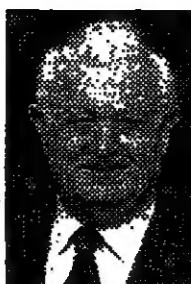
Representatives of the survivors have also suggested there are claims against the national bank for looted gold that could be worth more than \$1b.

The settlement puts the Israelis - the largest group of Holocaust survivors in the world - at odds with the stance of Jewish organizations that have insisted on the leadership role in Holocaust compensation.

"The Swiss National Bank cannot be released from the responsibility for its purchasing, for its own use, looted gold," Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, said in a letter earlier this month to US District Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn.

The major Swiss banks, Credit Suisse and UBS, reached last month with survivors' lawyers in the US and the World Jewish Restitution Organization to settle several class-action lawsuits that said the banks hoarded Holocaust-era assets. The settlement would release the two banks, the Swiss National Bank, the Swiss government and Swiss industry from all Holocaust-related claims. The Swiss government and the SNB, however, were not direct parties to the talks or these suits.

"I don't want to raise an issue with the Swiss National Bank; I just don't want to prevent it," Sanbar, a former Israeli bank executive representing 300,000 survivors in Israel, said in New York. "The WJRO should not sign the agreement as it stands, Sanbar said,



Moshe Sanbar
(Ariel Jerolimski)

"because if you sign it, it closes the door."

However, Melvyn Weiss, one of the American lawyers who brought the class-action lawsuits, said the SNB should not be a deal-breaker. "We have to weigh our ability to close this out," he said. Otherwise, he said, "it will be the world victim community against the Swiss community. You have to put an end to this."

Sanbar bases his claim on research by the US government and a report of the World Jewish Congress indicating that much of the looted-gold flow into Switzerland remains unaccounted for.

Sanbar, the treasurer of the Claims Conference, had recommended that the Claims Conference use a modest portion of its assets to continue research of how the SNB

handled looted gold. The research allocation, however, was vetoed by the WJC, according to several authoritative sources.

The \$1.25b. settlement cannot be made final, or distribution begin, until Korman holds a series of hearings to determine if the settlement is fair and whether the plan for the distribution of funds is fair. The survivors' lawyers apparently have no hope for a successful suit against the Swiss National Bank, while the Swiss commercial banks are vehement that the national bank be released from claims.

Credit Suisse and UBS had indicated that they were being held hostage to claims aimed at the national bank, which was the primary trader in Nazi-looted gold.

A case against the national bank would be difficult under international law and would require the assistance of the US State Department, which would oppose such a move for diplomatic reasons, said Weiss.

Survivors battle for a role in Holocaust compensation

NEW YORK - The latest battle for justice for Holocaust survivors is not for compensation, but for dignity. And the targets are not Swiss banks or European insurers, but some of the Jewish advocates who are leading the campaign for restitution.

An increasing number of Holocaust survivors fume that they are being robbed of their dignity by a campaign that presents an image of survivors as hapless and incapacitated, and that excludes them from prominence in resolving Holocaust-era claims.

The latest in a series of offensive portrayals came last week in New York, at a rare public event on restitution, sponsored by an association of American state insurance regulators. They have formed a commission to recover war-era policies issued by European insurers. An American survivor shared that platform with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Diaspora adviser, Bobby Brown, the World Jewish Congress, the Claims Conference and a State Department restitution official.

"How can all these people have the right to speak for survivors - and not us?" asked Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the Center of Organizations of Holocaust

BACKGROUND

Survivors in Israel. Israeli survivors have not been offered any significant role or public forum in the US, which is the center of restitution activity. It was only last week that Sanbar circumvented American Jewish organizations and finally presented Israeli survivors' concerns to the survivors' lawyers handling the \$1.2 billion settlement against the Swiss banks.

Survivors often are overlooked by American and European officials who have become accustomed instead to Bobby Brown, Netanyahu's representative, and Israel Singer of the WJC, as advocates for survivors.

"This is an issue of human rights, not an issue of finances," Singer told the insurance regulators last Monday. "For 50 years, those rights have not been restored. For 50 years, those people remained naked, without any rights."

Bristled one survivor in the audience. "I've been naked for 50 years?"

"We have an image that we are poor and cannot do anything - and they build on this image," said Sanbar.

Brown told the regulators that there is a need for moral and material restitution, and "by pursuing these issues, we can restore dignity to the victims of the Holocaust."

Dignity would be restored, survivors said, when advocates stop overlooking the survivors' accomplishments, talents and contributions in the last half-century.

While an estimated 20 percent of the survivors are financially needy, the "survivor world" also is marked by lives of professional, economic and political achievement, including Sanbar, a former Israeli banking executive; Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and his brother, former Ambassador Naphthal Lavi; Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel; former Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss; Joe Wilf, the head of the JDC Distribution Committee; and Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League.

But presenting an accurate, and dignified, picture of survivors does not serve the interests of Jewish organizations, Sanbar contended. "They want us to be poor, so they can represent us."

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Ugandan police pick up 18 terror suspects

By HENRY WASSWA

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"They wanted to hit key installations — not only American, but of the Ugandan government. We have all the documentary material on their operations," said David Pulkol, director of Internal Security.

Pulkol said most of the arrests were made in the capital, Kampala, over the past 15 days. Among those arrested was businessman Ahmed Mandela, who is also financial secretary of the Express soccer team in the Ugandan national league.

Another security source said six of the 18 were detained in Kasase district in western Uganda and the other 12 were picked up in

Kampala. The source said many of those detained were Somalis or of Somali background.

Five diplomatic missions in Kampala, including the US Embassy, the Danish Embassy, and the British High Commission, were closed at the beginning of the week following a series of threatening telephone calls.

A Tanzanian newspaper said yesterday that two suspects, a Tanzanian from Zanzibar and an unidentified foreigner, would be charged next week in the Dar es Salaam bombing.

US officials have charged two suspects in connection with the Nairobi bombing, and they are being held in New York. A third was reported arrested Wednesday in Germany — *The Washington Post* identified him as Mamduh Mahmud Salim and described him as a top lieutenant and weapons procurer for accused Saudi terrorist leader Osama bin Laden — a fourth was arrested in Texas, and a fifth is a fugitive and being sought.

14 dead in Philippine ferry disaster

Another 120 still missing

By OLIVER TEVES

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — With more than 120 people still missing, maritime officials puzzled yesterday over why a Philippine passenger ferry with 430 people aboard began tilting in a storm and then quickly sank.

By late yesterday, 14 were confirmed dead, the coast guard said. The *Princess of the Orient* had been rocked by strong waves and winds, but should have been able to withstand much worse weather, officials said.

Passengers and crew among the 294 people rescued yesterday said the ship sank in less than an hour — highly unusual for a vessel with no apparent damage.

The local governor appealed in a radio broadcast for help in rescuing people still floating in the chilly, storm-whipped water.

Carlos Go, chief executive officer of Sulpicio Lines, the owner of the 24-year-old ship, insisted it was in seaworthy condition despite an on board fire in 1997.

Sulpicio Lines also owned the *Dona Paz*, a ferry that collided with a tanker in 1987, killing 4,341 in the world's worst peacetime shipping disaster.

A year later, 250 people died in



Filipino volunteers carry a survivor of the ill-fated *Princess of the Orient*, which sank in Cavite, south of Manila.

(Reuters)

the sinking of another ship owned by the company, the *Dona Marilyn*. Dozens of anxious relatives waited yesterday at a coast guard pier in Manila for two rescue ships return-

ing with survivors.

Many of the survivors who floated by a passing fishing boat, while others were plucked from the water by helicopters or navy ships.

bloodshot.

Some survivors were picked up by a passing fishing boat, while others were plucked from the water by helicopters or navy ships.

One crew member, Vincente Go, said the ship began leaning to the left and would not stabilize even after the crew began pumping ballast water, used to balance ships.

OSCE mission urges Albanian leaders to end turmoil

By ILIAZ SEMINI

TIRANA (Reuters) — European envoys urged Albania's leading politicians yesterday to stop the political stand-off so that a peaceful solution to the country's turmoil could be found quickly.

Polish Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek, heading the mission as chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), met President Rexhep Meidani, Prime Minister Fatos Nano, and opposition leader Sali Berisha, a former president, separately for talks.

"We fully support President Meidani to develop the consensus and to find a political solution. The position should participate," Geremek told reporters at the end of his fleeting visit to Tirana.

The capital erupted in its worst violence in 18 months last Sunday and Monday, sparked by the killing of Berisha's aide Azem Hajdari.

Geremek blamed Berisha's Democratic Party for the rioting, during which five people were killed and dozens injured in clashes with police, saying that his party had not denounced the violence.

Greek Alternate Foreign Minister George Papandreou, representing the Council of Europe on the delegation, warned the former president that he and his party would be isolated by the international community unless they stopped undermining Albania's political process.

"I... say to Sali Berisha that these tactics... have undermined democratic institutions, and that if they continue it is certain that the international community will isolate not only his tactics but also him personally," Papandreou told reporters.

While Berisha met the delegation, around 3,000 of his supporters marched to the city's main Skanderberg Square for the fifth consecutive day of protests, calling for Nano's resignation.

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Primakov under pressure

By TIMOTHY HERITAGE

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov faced pressure yesterday to accelerate efforts to tackle Russia's deep economic crisis and help ordinary people through their toughest times in years.

Primakov outlined his economic plans to reporters on Friday and Russia Television broadcast his remarks in full for the first time yesterday, showing him reassuring Russians that the government would start paying more attention to their needs.

He and President Boris Yeltsin discussed the economic turmoil with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma and they agreed to create an anti-crisis group to tackle the problems together.

But Russian media turned the heat on Primakov for failing to complete the formation of his government more than a week after he took office and the opposition Communist Party gave his economic plans only a cautious welcome.

"They were only the blueprints of his as yet unpublished program. They require careful analysis," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov told reporters.

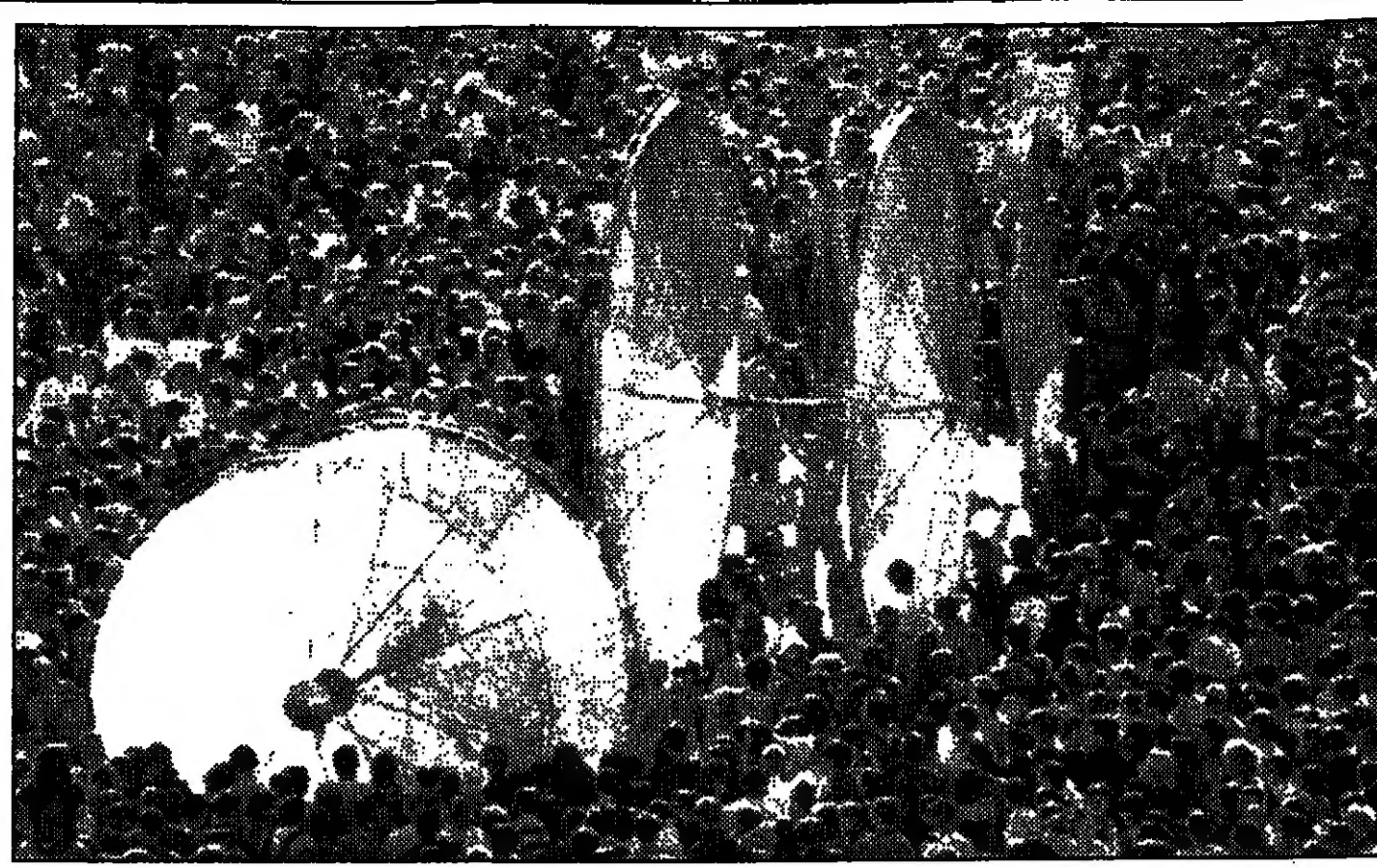
"There were some reassuring

noises aimed at support of domestic industry, at paying off debts, at compensation for people, a more socially oriented course. We will see how it works in reality." The Communists later met to consider their strategy before a day of nationwide protests planned for October 7 over huge wage arrears which piled up under previous governments.

Primakov, 68, gave a glimpse of his economic strategy in the statement which he read to reporters on Friday but continued to send conflicting signals. He said he is committed to reforms, although "corrections" were needed to the previous government's program and the central bank has alarmed foreign investors by saying it is ready to print money to pay off state debts and reflate banks.

Primakov pledged to regulate Russia's foreign exchange market to try to halt the ruble's slide, announced plans to impose state monopolies on the alcohol and tobacco trade, and vowed to fulfill Russia's debt obligations.

Russian newspapers are growing increasingly impatient. *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said each new delay in forming the government is a blow to Russians hoping for quick measures to protect their savings, held in struggling banks.



Parisian beat

Artists ride giant wheels through tens of thousands of people taking part in a parade devoted to techno music in Paris yesterday.

Kohl sees neck-and-neck race with Schroeder

By DOUGLAS BUSVINE

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany. (Reuters) - German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, taking his never-say-die election campaign back to his home constituency, said yesterday he was closing in on his Social Democrat challenger Gerhard Schroeder.

Buoyed by new opinion polls showing a gap of as little as two percentage points between his Christian Democrats and the opposition SPD, Kohl said the race to win the September 27 general election would go right down to the wire.

"The election will be decided on the day. It is definitely a neck-and-neck race," Kohl told reporters packed onto a bus during a four-hour tour through his rural constituency outside the southwestern city of Ludwigshafen.

Schroeder, campaigning in the

eastern city of Leipzig, did not even mention the opinion polls and stuck to his central message that it was time for a change.

"Kohl's time is over and fresh wind must blow through the country," he told around 8,000 people who had gathered to watch him in the afternoon sunshine in a city center square.

Schroeder said the voters would make sure the chancellor spent a lot more time in his beloved home region.

"Kohl will be sent into his well-deserved retirement," predicted Schroeder, his voice hoarse by the end of his speech.

Kohl predicted many of the 30 percent of German voters who were still undecided would make up their minds late in his favor and help to him a record fifth general election victory. "I'm highly motivated, because people have always buried me in the past," Kohl told reporters.

"I will get a lot of satisfaction from showing people I am still alive."

The 68-year-old chancellor showed no signs of fatigue in a swing during which he delivered his standard 30-minute campaign speech at half a dozen villages across his constituency.

He made a few variations, harking back to his political mentor in Limburgerhof, Deacon Johannes Fink, and recalling dancing lessons in Mutterstadt where he met his wife Hannelore.

But the core message remained the same: Kohl said Germany faced a watershed choice between his 16-year-old center-right coalition and a leftist alliance of the SPD, Greens and possibly the reformed communist Party of Democratic Socialism.

"Radicals from the left and right must never come to power in Germany. And the communists are just red-painted fascists," Kohl

said, using the "Red Scare" tactic that helped him to a last-ditch victory back in 1994.

Kohl said his first task if reelected would be to pass a tax reform to reward hard work and investment, and help bring down high unemployment.

Commenting on foreign policy, Kohl said Germany had become a bastion of stability which for the first time ever had built up good relations with France, Britain, the US and even Russia.

Local party activists, hoping to help Kohl defend his 3,000 vote majority in his Oggersheim constituency, were encouraged by the chancellor's campaign drive.

Members of the public were less sure that Kohl would make it back into power one more time. "It's hard to say whether he'll make it. But there will be plenty more fireworks, for sure," said Sylvia Krieger, a 30-year-old mother and housewife.

Death toll rises to 28 in Algerian violence

ALGERS (Reuters) - A bomb in an open-air market Friday evening killed 26 people and wounded 125 in the latest violence in Algeria, while security forces also gunned down two presumed Moslem rebels, local media reported yesterday.

"According to the latest report released by security services [yesterday] afternoon, 26 people died and 125 others were wounded, including 39 in a serious condition... following the bomb blast in Tiaret," the official APS news agency said in a brief statement.

Health Minister Yabia Guidoua visited the wounded in the hospital in the market town of Tiaret, some 230 km southwest of Algiers.

The minister, who was accompanied by other senior officials, including Minister of Religious Affairs Bouabdellah Ghilamallah, would attend the funeral, APS said, but gave no other details.

El Watan daily earlier reported the bomb, a home-made device, was apparently "hidden in a gas cylinder and put under a vegetable display" in the marketplace, where it exploded early on Friday evening.

Markets in Moslem Algeria are usually crowded with shoppers, particularly women and children, on Fridays and have been frequent targets for bomb attacks blamed by the authorities on rebels.

La Nouvelle Republique newspaper reported yesterday that security forces killed two terrorists in Beni Amrane village on Friday. The village is located in Bouira province, some 120 kms east of Algiers. The two terrorists were members of an armed group that killed a farmer and wounded another in the area, it said.

Clinton vows to veto \$80b. tax cut plan

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ

WASHINGTON (AP) - US President Bill Clinton promised yesterday to veto an \$80 billion package of tax cuts on its way to House passage.

He called the Republican-sponsored plan irresponsible and asked instead for narrower tax cuts that would reserve surplus funds for Social Security.

"Fiscal responsibility has created our prosperity and fiscal irresponsibility would put it at risk," he said in his weekly radio broadcast from the Oval Office.

Clinton did not mention the pending release of his videotaped testimony on the Lewinsky affair. With 12 days before fiscal 1998 closes out the books showing a federal budget surplus, Clinton chided Republicans for being too eager to spend the pot.

The House Ways and Means Committee approved the five-year package of tax cuts on Thursday. The full House is expected to consider the bill next week.

It includes tax relief for farmers, married couples, senior citizens who work small businesses, people with savings accounts and students saving for private colleges, among others.

It also extends several expiring tax credits sought by big business. "I believe strongly that this is the wrong way to give American families the tax relief they deserve," Clinton said.

He pushed instead for targeted tax cuts, including relief for families with education and child care expenses, and for businesses that develop new environmental technologies.

Italian designer pursuing Lewinsky for catwalk

ROME (AP) - An Italian fashion house is offering Monica Lewinsky \$480,000 to model one of its suits at a show.

Rome-based Gattinoni wants Lewinsky for its first collection for larger women, Italian newspapers reported yesterday.

"We hope that she accepts, because we've already prepared a pretty blue suit," Rome's *Il Messaggero* daily said in a statement attributed to Gattinoni administrator Stefano Dominella and designer Guillermo Mariotto. Representatives of Lewinsky refused comment.

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Esther Wachsmann

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Homely movies for holiday TV

By BARRY DAVIS

The holidays are the time for movies on TV and this Rosh Hashana is no exception. One of the most promising programs however, is a local feature focusing on our capital city. In *Seeking Jerusalem* (Channel 1, 5:30 p.m., today) stand-up comedian and odd-job politician Shmuel Vilozhny accosts locals and out-of-towners to find out what exactly they love about the Holy City.

Just as homely is the timeless *Fiddler on the Roof* (Channel 2 at the somewhat late time of 11 tonight), featuring Haim Topol's rich portrayal of Shalom Aleichem's Tevye the milkman. Earlier, at 9 p.m., Channel 1 airs a stylish adaptation of Henry James's *The Portrait of a Lady* with a five-star cast featuring Nicole Kidman, John Malkovich and Sir John Gielgud.

But holidays are really the perfect opportunity to dust off old copies of the classics and screen them for wholesome, family entertainment. And they don't come much more entertaining than John Sturges' classic Western, *The Magnificent Seven* (Monday, Channel 2, 4 p.m.), with a legendary line-up of toughies like Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen and James Coburn.

Channel 2 closes the day with *The Dirty Dozen* (at 11:51 p.m.), starring Lee Marvin as an army officer charged with recruiting the toughest characters he can lay his gnarled hands on for an impossibly dangerous mission into Nazi Germany. His less-than-willing recruits include a motley assortment of imprisoned murderers awaiting execution, and various other "undesirables" played by such Hollywood greats as Charles Bronson, Ernest Borgnine and the superb John Cassavetes.

Also, on Monday, the Movie Channel offers us a powerful thespian synergy in the form of Jack Nicholson and Michael Caine — as a slick wine dealer and slimy



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crook respectively — in the film noir-style drama *Blood and Wine* (10 p.m.). This is followed by *Leaving Las Vegas* (11:40 p.m.) — a stark portrait of life's spiritual regions — with Nicolas Cage in an Oscar-winning role as a godless alcoholic and Elisabeth Shue as a prostitute intent on humiliating herself at every possible opportunity.

But, even if we choose to spend a generous portion of the holiday

indoors, the least we can do is take a peek at the "great outdoors" via Channel 1's fascinating *Shattered Kingdom* documentary (8:15 p.m.) about the dwindling gorilla population of Zaire. The film was shot over a period of seven years, and highlights the animals' plight in the face of continuing human encroachment, as thousands of refugees flee some of Africa's worst trouble spots.

By Tuesday, after guzzling our

increasingly weary way through umpteen boxes of candies, most of us will probably have just enough strength for some lazy TV channel hopping. For a look at the clothes you probably won't be able to squeeze into after the holiday, set your tube on ITV 3's *Dressing Diana* (8:15 p.m.). The show depicts the late princess imbuing countless fund-raising events with her sparkling personality and making her mark on the international

fashion world. There is also more classic Western fare — King Vidor's *Duel in the Sun* (Second Showing, 10 p.m.) with Joseph Cotten and Gregory Peck vying for the attentions of a half-Indian woman. Light, well-acted entertainment can be had on Channel 2 — *Heaven Can Wait* with Warren Beatty as a football star who meets an untimely — and temporary — demise (11:20 p.m.).

Cultivating a classical audience

COMMENT

By MICHAEL J. KENNEDY

It is the time of year for reflection. In an age when orchestras seem to be going extinct, and pop and rock dominate the global village, at least in this country classical music is flourishing.

There is probably no other nation in the world with so many orchestras or musicians per capita. Where else are so many chamber-music series performed every weekend?

But is the music any good? And can such a small land maintain and subsidize such extensive classical-music activities? After all, every orchestra seeks its share of the public and private budget. From Ashdod to Haifa, from Ra'anana to Herzliya and not to mention Tel Aviv, local orchestras search quite frantically for an audience.

Many musicians believe that the concert hall in the 21st century will change and turn the classical-music concert into a multimedia experience that will lure younger audiences and fill the auditoriums.

Frankly I doubt this. A purist but never a traditionalist, I still believe that a concert is not a circus. A concert is a neutral and refined music listening experience and should remain so. Any attempt to change this will inevitably result in total suicide. Informal concerts attended in jeans, lecture concerts, and other attempts to add to the pure musical experience are nothing but

gimmicks or passing fashion. What will remain is: will this music have an audience?

The way to nurture new audiences is through the education system. No one is born with a love of classical music. But if classical music is part of the elementary- and high-school curriculum and teachers treat it seriously, so will their students. In this way, thousands and thousands of youngsters will eventually find their place in the concert hall because they want to be there, and not because someone has forced them to go.

There is another problem though — ticket prices. Tickets for local orchestra performances are quite expensive, reflecting the budget and the amount of subsidy and sponsorship. If a way is not found to lower the prices, young people will not go to concerts. Pamper them at first, charge them token fees, and once they are captivated you can up the price.

I am not suggesting that orchestras shut down or concert series vanish for lack of funds or absence of audience. Each musical organization should balance its books and decide on the feasibility of its future.

One must hope that the local classical-music world will find a way to ignite the interest of younger audiences and make them feel at home in what is presently considered an alien surrounding.

Once the concert hall stops being elitist it might be saved. Otherwise we might all be doomed to a future without live performances of classical music.

Two new discs highlight the soulful essence of good old-fashioned blues Peterson leads the pack

Sabra Sounds



By David Isaacson

If, as they say, you get by with a little help from your friends, then Ronnie Peterson has it easy. In the last few years, the American-born guitarist has been making a name for himself on the local music scene as a session player, of the highest order. In addition, he often plays live, fronting the Ronnie Peterson Blues Band on old rhythm and blues hits.

When Peterson decided to put out a solo album recently, he had

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no problem calling on the pantheon of Israeli rock 'n' roll to lend him a hand. *Ronnie Peterson and Friends* features nearly a dozen duets between Peterson and artists ranging from Rami Kleinstein to Aviv Gefen.

Much of the record features Peterson helping his friends rework their own songs into blues form, providing the guitar work and occasional backup vocals.

The initial track sets the tone. Ethnix singer Ze'ev Nehama joins Peterson for a rendition of the Ethnix tune "She Won't Be Back." Although it is a song about heartbreak, the original version was upbeat, almost dance-like. Here, Nehama and Peterson downshift, slowing down the pace and adding



Ronnie Peterson (left) shares a thought with Shalom Hanoch.

fluid guitar work. The result is a soulful, plugged-in blues number. Peterson works well with his guests and the disc has the laid-back feeling of a good jam session. The most effective collaboration comes with Shalom Hanoch on a rendition of "Very Dark," a song which Hanoch originally wrote for Arik Einstein. Peterson plays both acoustic and electric guitar in nice counterpoint, backed by keyboardist Moshe Levi's Hammond organ. Hanoch's raspy singing style slides into this mix like a hand in a glove.

Although the basis of the record is the blues — B.B. King's influence comes through clearly — Peterson takes his cues from his collaborators. Together, they explore different permutations of the source material and come up with a variety of sounds.

The debut with Meir Ariel on "Seeds of Summer" comes off relaxed and bemused. On "I Slammed the Door," with Ronit Shabar, Peterson uses a resonating guitar for a funky Sheryl Crow-like sound. Meanwhile, Yizhar Ashdot employs his trademark over-serious, almost uptight singing style and the song "My Hiroshima" sounds accordingly.

The album gives Peterson the chance to show off his voluminous guitar chops. On "Closest to Alone," the duet with Gefen, Peterson and bassist Michael Frost go for a driving, early-'70s style, which comes off almost menacing when coupled with Gefen's angry croak.

Along with the Hebrew-language stuff, the album also features Peterson singing two blues tracks in English. On "That's How Strong My Love Is" he attempts to borrow Van Morrison's vocal stylings but falls short.

Peterson's voice lacks the presence and strength for an effective Van the Man imitation. These songs require a kind of Muddy Waters bravado that Peterson can't quite muster.

Which is not to say that Peterson can't sing. He duets quite effectively with Ahinoam Nini on "Trees," a song based on a Leah Goldberg poem.

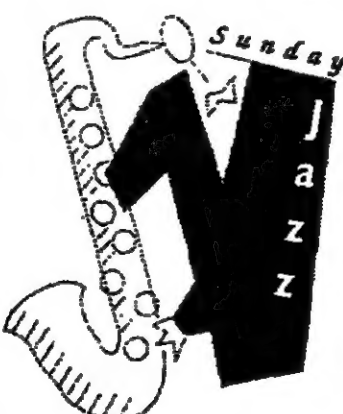
Set to a quiet jazz riff, "Trees" allows the more subtle qualities in Peterson's singing to shine through. He manages to hold his own with Nini, arguably the best vocalist working in Israeli music today, and the results are both beautiful and haunting.

A project like this opens itself up to all sorts of disasters, from bad chemistry between the duetists to a questionable choice of material.

Thankfully, *Ronnie Peterson and Friends* manages to avoid the pitfalls almost entirely. Although Kleinstein's English-language contribution (a game version of the old Sam and Dave hit, "When Something Is Wrong With My Baby") falls a bit flat, the album features more than enough strong tracks to make up for it.

The last year has featured a fair number of Israeli cover projects, and there are still a few more in the works. The high level of musicianship and willingness to experiment puts *Ronnie Peterson and Friends* squarely at the forefront of the trend.

Singing under a bad sign



By David Isaacson

LIFE, LOVE & THE BLUES

Etta James
(Red Artel)

ULTIMATE

Lester Young
(Belicon)

BALLADS

Stanley Turrentine
(NMC)

These days media types (here and abroad) will label any two-bit singer with soul overtones as "R n B." Maybe it's because these days even "real" purveyors of rhythm 'n' blues — Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt, Robert Cray — tend to put out watered-down pop.

On *Life, Love & The Blues*, Etta James belts out Willie Dixon standards with the conviction of one who's been singing under a bad sign for some five decades.

A "Hoochie Coochie Gal" with a smooth, rich drawl and a down-and-dirty laugh, she evokes a smoky, violent barroom world like it's her home. She cheats in the next room, runs out of lies and denigrates her man. Throughout she's well supported by grooving harmonicas, a thick horn section and the assorted wa-wa guitar solos of her own group, The Roots Band. James's self-penned title track is a heartfelt, lyrical reminder of why so many folk got into the blues into the first place, or at least since the '60s.

Not that it's all blues. On Al Green's "Here I Am (Come and Take Me)," she sounds remarkably like the reverend prince of soul himself. Elsewhere, addressing "all the lovers in the house tonight," she delivers a soul sermon (courtesy of Joe Tex) with the spirited passion of a Southern gospel preacher. By the time she wraps up in her huge spin cloak of a voice on the final track, "I'll Take Care of You," you believe that she will.

Life, Love & The Blues is a must for anyone who likes good, old-fashioned R n B.

THOSE who think of the '30s as

Lester Young's heyday probably haven't heard enough of his post-war recordings. On *Ultimate Lester Young* — one of Verve's wonderful series of collections selected by contemporary players — Wayne Shorter unearths some gems only recently made available on CD.

Foremost of these is a 1956, 10-minute cover of Rodgers-Hart's "I Didn't Know What Time It Was." Following a smooth opening solo by "Pres" (as Billie Holiday dubbed Young), trumpeter Roy Eldridge takes his turn. Often described as the link between Louis Armstrong and Dizzy Gillespie, Eldridge had a fat, rasping sound which worked especially well in tandem with Young's luscious sax. Pianist Teddy Wilson's cheery '30s-style harmonies lend an achingly wistful air.

There's more '30s nostalgia on a 1944 "Lester Leaps In," featuring Count Basie's boogie-woogie piano, and on a refined, swinging "Pennies from Heaven" — one of four cuts with Oscar Peterson.

There are also four tracks from a 1946 session with Nat "King" Cole and Buddy Rich, including a wild "I've Found a New Baby."

Though there's nothing with "Lady Day" Holiday, and Shorter doesn't really explain his choices on the liner notes, this is a disc which no Lester Young fan will want to be without.

TENOR saxman Stanley Turrentine's star has been in decline for several decades. There was a time, around 1960 — when he played in the Max Roach quintet and released the first albums under his own name — when his spare, laconic phrasing and honeyed tone made him sound like a new Dexter Gordon. The Blue Note compilation *Ballads* presents an overview of nine Turrentine numbers from 1960 to 1984, concentrating on his early, golden period.

The standard "Willow Weep For Me" would grace the opening spot on any disc and this 10-minute quartet rendition holds up very well against the classic Gordon quartet take on *Our Man in Paris*, albeit played at a slower pace. Indeed there are occasions when Turrentine gets quite soporific. His 1963 cover of "God Bless the Child," accompanied by his wife Shirley Scott on organ, is so laid-back it runs the risk of reducing Billie Holiday's tear-jerker into background music. But "A Child Is Born" (1984) is enhanced by guitarist George Benson's slick gloss and a surprisingly relaxed appearance by offbeat Jimmy Smith.

Accompanied by top-class players such as pianist McCoy Tyner and bassist Paul Chambers, Turrentine offers just the sort of mellow sound to go with a stiff drink after a hard day.

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Rosh Hashana 5759

The New Year is a time for looking beyond the next news cycle, beyond next week, into the murky depths of the future - even as far as eight months from now. Though May 4, 1999 may seem like eons away in the collapsed time frames of politics, the date that marks the end of Oslo's five-year interim period is coming and a new framework must be in place by then.

This deadline may become a blessing in disguise, forcing the parties to break decisively with the past, and build a steadier foundation for the future. The year that has passed was a year of living in the past, on both the diplomatic and economic fronts. After more than two years in office, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has not only remained hobbled by the past, he continues to use the past as a crutch. His accomplishments continue to be denominated in the currency of the past - stopping "the rush to the pre-1967 borders" and reversing the "fiscal irresponsibility" of the previous government. How many years, however, can a government inspire the people with nightmares from the past rather than hopes for the future?

Netanyahu, to be fair, has repeatedly assured the public with his trademark confidence that he will deliver both peace and prosperity by the end of his term, or terms, in office. The economy will likely improve on its own by this time next year, more or less regardless of what the government does. And the peace process has developed an inextinguishable fire that could well survive a serious, even violent, breakdown. The problem, however, is the yawning gap between the glib pronouncements of a bright future and the prosaic reality of muddling along, hoping that self-preserving improvisation and good luck will save the day.

Though May 1999 looms ahead as the diplomatic equivalent of the Year 2000 computer bug, after which all bets are off, it also creates a great opportunity to start anew. The prospect of sifting through millions of lines of computer code, or the 314 pages of the Oslo 2 Accord, may tempt one to simply throw the entire outdated machine out the window and buy a new one. Five years ago, Oslo itself represented such a discontinuity, which has succeeded in taking us a certain distance forward in a process of mutual recognition. That process has become stuck, however, in what would be called in computer terms an "endless loop," awaiting another discontinuity.

The ever-ephemeral redeployment deal, if and when it is completed, will not provide the discontinuity necessary to transcend Oslo's looming date of expiration. The redeployment deal, even before its completion, is a relic of the past, not a signpost to the future. The objective of a summit among Clinton, Netanyahu, and Arafat - reportedly in the works - should not just be to resolve the final sticking points in the redeployment deal, but to create a new framework for final-status talks.

The new framework should start from the daunting list of final-status issues outlined in Oslo - borders, settlements, refugees, Jerusalem, etc. - and sketch the pillars of a potential "grand bargain" around which the rest of the issues will revolve. This task cannot be accomplished in a single summit, but it can be set forth as the initial task of final-status talks. The purpose of setting the ambitious objective of starting from the far end of the talks is to establish the expectation of success from the outset. The way to do this is for each side to make a simultaneous down payment toward the other's sine qua non for an agreement.

It is already possible to determine issues that could cause each side to fight rather than sign - such as statehood for the Palestinians and Jerusalem for Israelis. Even regarding these two issues, both sides realize that they will have to negotiate in earnest, but it is on these two issues that budging from absolutist opening positions will be most painful. The result of a dramatic mutual move towards resolving the greatest potential final deal-breakers would create a new sense of hope and direction on both sides. The negotiations ahead would still be long and difficult, but the chances of total breakdown would be substantially reduced.

Since it is Arafat who would most like to keep the prospect of total breakdown in his diplomatic quiver, he will be the greatest obstacle to such a hope-building agreement. But such an agreement also demands courage, determination, and vision from Israel and the United States. Even if the Clinton presidency were not in such a precarious state, it is the Netanyahu government that bears the primary responsibility for designing a new framework built upon, yet moving beyond, the Oslo Accords. On the economic front as well, the prospects for succeeding - as opposed to surviving - in the year ahead depend on detailing a road map to the future, rather than continued tinkering with the past.

The year that was

YOSSI BEILIN

I look back at 5758 and find it hard not to think about all the missed opportunities we had this year. According to the interim agreement, we should have completed the three redeployments from Judea and Samaria by September 1997, precisely a year ago. This did not happen. According to the Hebron Agreement, signed in January 1997, we should have discharged

high this year, so much so that we have difficulty in arranging a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. Relations with Jordan reached an all-time low following the Mash'al fiasco, which this year exposed Israel as having momentarily lost its head, a problem overcome only by the extremely problematic release of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, an enemy of

The increased tension this last year has brought Israel closer to strategic danger than it has been since the Gulf War

our commitments by August 1998. This didn't happen either. The last representatives of the Gulf states abandoned Israel this year.

The Moroccans did not approve the appointment of our representatives in their country. The Middle East Economic Convention, which this year was held in Doha, Qatar, was to all intents and purposes the last. No one can relate seriously to economic cooperation in our region any more.

Several days ago a decision was made to close down the last remnant of regional cooperation - the Regional Bank for Development which had its headquarters in Cairo. The US decided to cut off the finance; Israel did not authorize the bank's mandate; and its professional employees from Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Europe, Japan, and the US returned home.

We are still stuck in the Lebanese quagmire, without conducting any negotiations with Syria, without leaving the area unilaterally, and without any signs of reaching agreement.

The lack of trust between Israel and the Palestinians reached a new

the peace process and an open instigator of violence against Israel. The cold peace with Egypt turned positively frigid and there is a clear retreat from any sign of normality evident in previous years.

Our relations with the US, and particularly Netanyahu's relations with the American administration and President Clinton are in an ongoing state of crisis, the likes of which we have not seen for many years.

Netanyahu's pact with the

Republicans and the extreme Right in the US may well cost Israel dearly in the long term.

AGAINST this background, IDF intelligence estimates - for the second year running - show that there is a reasonable possibility of war in our region, after five years of estimates to the contrary. This is the most serious thing to have occurred recently. Even if it is true that the Oslo Accords are irreversible, and even if the so-far positive outcome cannot be changed, the increased tension which has become evident over the last year is bringing Israel closer to strategic danger than it has been since 1991, during the Gulf War.

The choice is unity or chaos

DANIEL BLOCH

I have a dream that the coming year will be a year of national unity, a unity of purpose and broad agreement on a joint social and political agenda.

This dream is not about a national unity government, that is just a marriage of convenience between Benjamin Netanyahu and Ehud Barak, who are afraid of early elections and the unknown challenge from a third or even fourth candidate, but about a covenant of unity between all moderate elements of our political spectrum.

This dream is the only hope against a nightmare becoming reality - the danger of a huge split and rift in our society because of the inability of our political leaders to advance the peace process and to solve the economic and social problems of recession, unemployment and rising income disparities.

At the dawn of the new year, we are more than at any other time in our fifty years of independence on the verge of a social earthquake which, if not preempted, might even bring us to the brink of a civil war.

The severity of our internal problems is caused by their seriousness and complexity and their direct link to our external problems.

lems: The breakdown in the peace process and the explosive security situation is connected to the economic slowdown.

Growing unemployment is in part a result of the government's mistaken order of priorities, for the government finds it easier to shift budgets to settlements and hardi parties, rather than increase investment in infrastructure. And all this is combined with a rise in religious extremism, intolerance and a false messianic agenda that can lead us all, unwillingly, to a new wave of terrorism and war.

Fortunately Israel is not a hopeless case. The vast majority of the Israeli public is moderate, seeks peace based on compromise, and prefers social justice and equality of opportunities over yielding to all sorts of extremism, political, religious or the combination of both which, of course, is the most dangerous.

WHAT Israel urgently needs is an agreement of principles to be reached by a moderate majority of both Right and Left, religious and secular. The basis of this agree-

Dry Bones



The economic repercussions of the deteriorating political situation were not slow to follow. After Netanyahu bragged about the major foreign investments in Israel, this year they fell by 77 percent. There have been other similar problems: the enormous drop in tourism; the fall in the standard of living for the second year running after 10 years of growth; increased unemployment which now affects 10 percent of the population - after years of full employment with high wages.

This has led to a major increase in crime and an increasing sense of insecurity on the streets of our major cities. And perhaps most important of all, declining immigration despite the deteriorating situation in the former Soviet

Union. This was a year in which Israel's Zionist goals were seriously affected. The growing strategic threat and deteriorating economic situation distance us from those very people whose aliyah is the objective of the consensus of our society, and we lose them forever. Those who go to the US, Canada, or Germany will never make it here.

The phrase "Let the year of misfortunes end and a year filled with blessings begin" has never been more apt.

The greatest challenge facing us in the coming year is to prevent unilateral action at the end of the interim period on May 4, 1999, and to prevent the slide into violence which will serve to reinforce all the signs of evil we saw in 5758.

will almost surely lead to a war against the Arab world and the total collapse of the peace with Jordan and Egypt.

From Israel's perspective, this will be an even more divisive war than the 1982 Lebanon War. The majority of Israelis support the peace process. The majority of Zionist Israeli families that actively serve in the army will oppose any action against Palestinians that involves renewed fighting inside Gaza, Nablus or Ramallah. All this, combined with total international condemnation of Israel and as big a rift inside the American Jewish community as there will be in our society, is a recipe for complete chaos.

The only way to prevent this scenario from becoming reality is to form a national understanding between the leaders of all the moderate forces in Israeli society.

If this government refuses to cooperate, there must be decisive public pressure to bring it down and cause early elections. A new, moderate unity government must be in power before next May if we really want to ensure peace, and prevent another terrible war.

Censure makes sense

LEON E. PANETTA

More than 30 years ago, as a young legislative assistant working on civil rights legislation in the Senate, I had the chance to ask Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, then the Republican minority leader, why he had decided to change his position and support the Fair Housing Act.

He grabbed my arm and with that famous sonorous voice said: "Son, there are just times when the nation's interest comes first."

This is one of those times. If this scandal, which has so consumed a nation, is prolonged indefinitely, it will continue to weaken the presidency, Congress, the country and the moral fabric of American society.

With the serious challenges facing the only remaining superpower in the world at home and abroad, the inability to provide strong leadership will take a toll far beyond the shame, embarrassment and anger we feel for the sins of this president.

America has remained strong through crisis because we have not allowed crisis itself to control our fate. We always have had the good sense to do the right thing.

The right thing now is to do whatever is necessary to bring closure to this matter. Enough is enough. An extended impeachment process will produce little beyond what we know today, and likely would arrive at the same form of punishment that could be imposed now: the censure of the president.

Our forefathers established a constitutional process within the legislative branch to determine whether a president should be removed from office. It was designed precisely to have a political body exercise a political judgment to decide the fate of the president.

That judgment is guided not so much by the process of impeachment as by a legislative process that reflects both the will of the public and the nation's interest.

Alexander Hamilton described impeachment as a "method of national inquest into the conduct of public men." But little did he know about independent counsels, the information age and the Internet!

There is scant need for a "national inquest" when all of the lurid and excruciating details already are contained in the Starr Report. The bottom line is that the president lied to the country, his family, his staff, his cabinet and the grand jury about an adulterous relationship with a White House intern. Beyond the perjury charges, the report simply does not make a convincing case for additional articles of impeachment.

Does lying under oath about an illicit sexual relationship constitute the kind of "high crimes and misdemeanors" sufficient to warrant the removal of a president from office?

The Framers deliberately set a high bar for reversing the only political act we perform together as a nation in electing a president. Impeachment was thought necessary when there were political crimes against the state and great offenses against the Constitution.

The lying here was aimed at concealing a terrible moral failure, not a policy failure or crime that goes to the governing of our democracy. More important, it does not meet the inherent political test that was at the heart of

placing the impeachment decision in Congress: reflecting the will of the people.

It is clear from all of the recent polls that a large majority of the people believe that the president should remain in office despite his reprehensible personal behavior. They have made a judgment and, by virtue of the Starr Report, it is based on a pretty good knowledge of the evidence against the president.

BUT if this behavior does not qualify for impeachment, then what? The president cannot and should not escape punishment for lying to the nation and the grand jury. Neither does the most appropriate punishment rest with criminal prosecution, something rarely done in cases of perjury in a dismissed civil suit. It rests with the political process that now has jurisdiction of the matter.

That is why censure makes the most sense. It is the consummate political resolution that punishes the president without removing him from office. To arrive at this necessary compromise, it will demand that both the president and the leadership of Congress rise to the occasion.

The president should cooperate fully with Congress, acknowledge that he misled both the nation and the investigative authorities and stop the strained legal semantics of the past seven months, which already have failed so miserably. His contrition is not credible when it is split between apologies in the morning and legal arguments to the contrary in the afternoon.

The House Judiciary Committee,

following its analysis of the Starr Report, should recommend to the House and to Congress that while an impeachment inquiry is not recommended, there is sufficient evidence of inappropriate behavior on the part of the president to warrant a sanction of censure.

Such a censure would be a permanent label of disgrace on this presidency. For all the great things this president has been able to accomplish for this nation, his legacy would be darkened forever by this sanction.

The bipartisan leadership of the House and Senate should accept the recommendation of the committee and expedite consideration of the resolution of censure. It is the right thing to do.

Stability is a pillar of our democracy. Periodically bringing down the government is the hallmark of a parliamentary form of government, not a constitutional form. In keeping with that spirit, in this case a sanction less than impeachment is appropriate.

The president will survive in office pursuant to the will of the people, but his presidency will never again be the same. His only hope is that his natural resilience and boundless energy can give him the strength and wisdom to carry on.

Congress will have administered a just and fair punishment for the disgraceful behavior of the president and redeemed its capacity to govern in a difficult time for the nation. And the public will welcome with great relief the final resolution of this long and sordid chapter of our time.

The writer was Clinton's chief of staff July 1994 to January 1997.

(Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INAPPROPRIATE RABBINICAL BEHAVIOR

Sir, - As recent immigrant from Los Angeles and longtime worshippers in that city's Conservative Sinai Temple, we were disappointed and embarrassed as we read correspondent Tom Tugend's September 14 report "Lewinsky family rabbi: Clinton should repent." As an American clergyman, Rabbi David Wolpe should know that admonishing a fellow American

on moral matters is the prerogative of that person's own religious minister and nobody else. Thus, since President Clinton belongs to the Southern Baptist Church, he might best be reproved by a Baptist minister and not a rabbi. On the other hand, if Rabbi Wolpe feels that he must voice his observations on the Clinton affair, he need look no further than his own congregation.

Tom Tugend writes that Monica Lewinsky attended Temple Sinai's religious school. Perhaps Rabbi Wolpe should review the school's curriculum to learn whether it includes lessons on proper behavior, including feminine modesty, by the Temple's boys and girls.

WENDY and ALEC ROTH
Ra'anana.

IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Sir, - Evelyn Gordon, in her column "The right to know" (August 25) draws a parallel between keeping the results of internal reviews confidential and a desire on the part of doctors to keep patients in the dark about their medical condition.

Patients today are entitled, by virtue of the Patients Rights Act, to receive medical information from their medical record, including a copy thereof. In addition, most good doctors recognize the importance of sharing information with the patient and making him or her a partner in his or her own recovery. Open and equitable exchange with patients increases patient satisfaction (thus reducing the risk of litigation) and enhances compliance with medical regimens. We are confident that most doctors encourage patients to ask questions and if there are a few that don't, that is a problem that must be addressed.

However, the desire on the part of the medical profession to keep internal review results confidential is wholly unrelated to any purport-

ed wish to keep patients in the dark. Rather, as suggested by Gordon herself, it stems from the practical and proven need to ensure doctors' full cooperation with review boards by ensuring confidentiality, a reality which is globally recognized and reflected in the laws of most countries. If the situation were otherwise, the individual doctor might be apprehended by the system as a whole would suffer. This is what happened, for example, in the aviation industry, where employees' fears of reporting mistakes caused similar crashes in other airlines, resulting in the deaths of many more people. In response, the FAA created the Aviation Safety Reporting System which promises total confidentiality to the reporter of incidents and errors.

Most doctors are competent, qualified professionals who occasionally, like all human beings, make mistakes. We must be very careful to know when to hold them accountable and when to recognize that not every mistake is neg-

ligence. By seeking out and attacking the individual perpetrator of negligence we send a message to doctors that if they make a mistake they should try to hide it or their careers will be destroyed. In this way, we impede our chances to ferret out the weak spots in the system which allow the mistake to occur in the first place. We must remember that between 85 percent to 94 percent of clinical mistakes are system oriented and not individually based.

Quality improvement in health care is a goal that is shared by doctors and patients alike. Sharing information and encouraging questions from patients about their health and medical treatment achieves this objective: removing confidentiality from internal review reports defeats it.

DR. YORAM BLACHAR, President, Israel Medical Association
Ramat Gan.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On September 20, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported on the excellent progress made in the laying of the 2,000 km. long oil pipeline across the desert of Iraq from Kirkuk to its two terminals at Tripoli and Haifa. A petroleum basin in Haifa port was being constructed out of the £2 million Palestine Government's public loan, guaranteed by the British

Government. 50 years ago: On September 20, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that wide-scale operations continued to track down the murderers of Count Bernadotte and Colonel Serot killed the previous Friday afternoon. While Irgun Zvai Leumi disclaimed all connection with the crime, hundreds of members of Lehi and its "Fatherland Front" splinter were

rounded up and their arms caches confiscated. 25 years ago: On September 20, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives had announced an immediate nationwide strike for an indefinite period, demanding an increase in either fares or subsidies.

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After the holidays

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"Today is the first day of the rest of your life" is a hackneyed phrase not taken very seriously by profound folk such as us. Let's face it: Philosophy of the bumper-sticker and T-shirt variety is a bit hard to swallow, let alone digest. Like most maxims, however, this one is as true as it is trite. And never is it more appropriate than during this season of slate-cleaning we Chosen People have come to refer to as "the holidays."

"We'll get together after the holidays," you lie to the caller at the other end of the line. Someone you haven't seen since before last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll get the window replaced after the holidays," you sigh, staring at the massive crack in the pane. A crack which has been jamming mold since before last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll make the appointments after the holidays," you imagine, happening upon a new year's card from the family dentist. A card you received last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll put the summer clothes away after the holidays," you fantasize, hoping once and for all to create order out of the chaos in your closets. Closets which have been cluttered with combinations of summer and winter gear since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll begin writing that resume after the holidays," you cringe, throwing away the piles of "classifieds" clipped out of various newspapers. Clippings which have been piling up on your night table since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll ask that attractive woman out after the holidays," you blush, unraveling the crumpled piece of paper on which you scribbled her phone number. A woman you met at a party last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll pay the housekeeper's national insurance after the holidays," you flinch, remembering the NII brochure you had sent to you before last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll look into guitar lessons after the holidays," you promise, imagining all the fights you will have with your teenager over the amount of practicing he should — but undoubtedly won't — be doing. Fights you have been having with him over looking into lessons

since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll take a vacation after the holidays," you grumble, slaving over stove and sink in preparation for a long visit from your in-laws. A visit you have dreaded and for which you have been mentally and physically preparing since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll start exercising after the holidays," you pretend, sucking in the belly which is preventing you from zipping up your jeans. A belly which has been bulging since well before last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll talk to the bank manager about my overdraft after the holidays," you kid yourself, contemplating whether or not to open the Visa bill you just pulled out of the mailbox. A bill which has grown exponentially since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll delve into some serious reading after the holidays," you assure yourself, rifling through the bookshelves to find the television's missing remote control. Shelves you had installed to hold all the books you've bought and borrowed since last Rosh Hashana.

"I'll go back to painting after the holidays," you wince, coming across your old portfolio while looking through the storage room. A portfolio which you fondled lovingly last Rosh Hashana.

Like most of us, you are convinced that life is just around the corner. All you have to do, you believe, is get over this particular hump or that certain hurdle, and you will be "freed up" to begin living. What you should have realized by now is that there is no such thing as a beginning and an end where life's humps and hurdles are concerned. There is only a vast continuum which you can choose to squander or make good use of.

That the onset of the days designated for confronting the things which weigh on our conscience should provide us with the perfect excuse to put off doing the things which weigh on our shoulders is mildly ironic. That they should provide us with the excuse to put off doing the things which enrich us is merely a shame.

Today really is the first day of the rest of our lives. Let's try not to forget this "after the holidays."

Resignation, then pardon

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

There is an unbridgeable conflict, we hear, between President Clinton's legal defense (L'roke no laws and committed no perjury) and his political defense (I've sinned, forgive me, and let's move on).

It goes like this: On the one hand, Clinton cannot admit to perjury because the independent counsel is still out there and loose. Ken Starr could, if Congress does not impeach, try to indict a sitting president. Or, more likely, he could wait two years until Clinton is out of office and indict him then. On the other hand, the insane legalisms that his lawyers have offered to keep him out of jail have undermined him politically. They have made even Democrats mad. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt weighed in together on Monday to tell the president to cut out the nonsense and come clean.

Despite the fact that this problem is being touted around Washington as the greatest logical conundrum since Zeno's paradox, there is a simple solution staring us in the face.

But before jumping to the solution, let's establish the premise: Clinton did indeed commit crimes. Let's pick two out of many.

(1) Perjury. Clinton's defense — that Monica Lewinsky had sex with him but he didn't have sex with her — has rightly earned derision. But for the sake of argument, assume that Clinton is right that, under the definition offered by the Jones court, he did not have sex with her.

Fine. But there is no semantic escape from this: When presented with Monica Lewinsky's deposition stating that she didn't have sex with him and asked if it was true, Clinton responded "absolutely true." (Like OJ and his classic "absolutely 100 percent not guilty," Clinton prefers to lie with gusto.)

But Clinton claims that she was the toucher and he the touchee. Hence, under the very court definition of sex that Clinton has been peddling, her denial of having sex was false and his affirmation was perjury.

(2) Obstruction of justice. The day after his Jones testimony, Clinton called in Betty Currie and prompted her with patent falsehoods — "We were never really alone," "I never touched her, right?" etc. Clinton claims that he was just refreshing his memory. But since these are statements that both he and Currie knew to be false, he was

refreshing not his memory but his perjury — and seeking hers.

Now, Clinton knows that he committed these felonies. Which is precisely why his lawyers keep flailing about pretending that technically he didn't. How to get him out of his box?

ONE proposed solution is censure. Clinton plea-bargains with Congress: He admits to the crimes and Congress rebukes the president and perhaps punishes him, but shields him from further prosecution by Starr.

There are two problems with this solution, one legal, one prudential. First, Congress does not have the power to order a prosecutor, an officer of the executive branch, to call off his dogs. Second and more important: In a crisis-ridden world, with the global economy teetering and the likes of North Korea readying intercontinental ballistic missiles, the United States cannot be left to be presided over by a political corpse, a man who has forfeited all authority to govern.

In the words of as staunch a Democrat as Joseph Califano: "Clinton is finished as a serious president whether he stays in office or not." Hence the solution, obvious and with very clear precedent: Clinton resigns and his successor immediately pardons him for all Starr-related crimes.

This, of course, is what happened with Nixon. But president Ford issued the pardon the wrong way, suddenly and on his own.

The right way is for a pardon to be openly proposed in advance of resignation by a bipartisan Congress. Congress asks Al Gore to clear Clinton of legal jeopardy for the sake of the country and for the sake of justice. One does not add to the eternal disgrace of resignation, the prospect of jailing an ex-president. Given the nature of these crimes, that would be extraordinarily excessive.

No indictment, no trial, no jail, no impeachment, no endless hearings, no wallowing in Lewinsky. And no conundrum.

The punishment, moreover, is fitting. Clinton's crimes are not about sex but about deliberately subverting the execution of the laws. However, given the nature of this case, they do not rise to the level of high crimes. They are low crimes. High crimes call for impeachment. Low crimes call for resignation.

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Something to pray for

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an end to the bloodletting in Indonesia, Albania, Algeria, Serbia-Kosovo, Nagorno-

This Rosh Hashana, ask for less cynicism and hatred; more national spirit and compassion

Karabach, Sudan, Zaire, etc., etc.

Pray that the complete collapse of Russia's economy — \$200 billion is owed to foreign banks — doesn't lead to widespread winter starvation for millions or occasion a western economic failure. Pray

month by Pyongyang. Pray that Iraq, India and Pakistan can be reigned in, as well, before they detonate on each other, or lash out at third-parties like us.

Pray that Arafat's unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood next spring doesn't lead to bloodshed and unending tragedy — for both sides.

Pray for the Israelis in Judea and Samaria, who will soon have Jibril Rajoub's heavies encircling their homes.

Pray for our soldiers lying in ambush in the Hizbullah-infested valleys of Lebanon. Pray that the IDF's string of fumbles and operational errors has come to an end, and that we'll regain our lean, mean deterrent posture. And pray for peace.

Pray that the war about to break out on the Iran-Afghanistan border doesn't engulf the region. Pray for

that the disintegration of Asian markets doesn't drag down the economies of Latin America, or crash the markets in Tel Aviv.

Pray for a quiet year.

Pray for Jewish continuity and peoplehood: that American Jews don't evaporate into a haze of assimilated, amorphous nouveau-non-identity; that Orthodox Jewry doesn't lock itself away in virtual ghettos of splendid isolation or retreat into simple-minded obscurantism.

Pray that Israeli Jews discover there is more to being Jewish than composing folk ballads in Hebrew or serving in the infantry. Pray that faith and modernity can be woven into a new tapestry uniting us all.

Pray that we can reenergize our national spirit, with a little historical perspective that allows us to see the positive in this country and recognize our achievements.

Pray that we can halt the vulgar-

ization of our society: the unbridled, untamed confrontation in which we all harshly judge and stereotype each other. Pray that we can successfully reintroduce moderation and reasonableness as behavioral standards, and give each other the benefit of the doubt; overlooking, instead of emphasizing, our differences.

Pray, if you can, like Rabbi Yishmael Ben-Eliash, the High Priest, who according to legend was granted an audience with God and asked to bless the Almighty. "May it be your Divine will," intoned the priest, "that your mercy overcomes your anger, that you treat your children with compassion and forbearance, and that you judge them with leniency."

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Rabbi with the Mickey Mouse suspenders

Shlomo Schwartz is an unorthodox Orthodox rabbi out to bring Judaism to America's assimilating Jews. Tom Tugend watches him work

Around this time of the year, Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz, wearing his "Grateful Yid" T-shirt and baseball cap, offers an alternative to the legions of Los Angeles Jews wondering whether to spring anywhere from \$100 to \$400 for a High Holy Days synagogue seat.

Schwartz, as he is universally addressed, passes out leaflets announcing Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services with "No Tickets, No Appeals" that are open to "Conservative, Reform, non-affiliates & any Jew that moves." This year he expects to draw 3,000 mainly single Jews, most of whom may not have stepped inside a synagogue since their bar or bat mitzva.

Rosh Hashana eve with Schwartz includes a "Schmooz and Cruise Singles Party," a study session for women led by the rabbi's wife Olivia, and a sing-along with the couple's seven sons who call themselves the Schwartz Family Tabernacle Choir.

Especially popular is a "Stump the Rabbi" session which, in Schwartz's patented orthographic style, "is intensely animated bcz 100's of ppl R bursting w/ls they've been wanting to ask since age 12 or 13." During one such session, a young man asked whether there was a special prayer before sexual intercourse. Schwartz answered instantly, "Yes, you pray she doesn't have a headache."

Though the tone may often be light-hearted, the services conform to Orthodox ritual. A *mehitza* (partition) divides men from women, and only men are called up for Torah readings.

Schwartz, product of a Habad yeshiva and still a devoted follower of the Lubavitcher rebbe's teachings, ventures where no rabbi has gone before. A one-time bongo-thumping Greenwich Village beatnik, he frequents rock concerts — flowing beard, yarmulke, Mickey Mouse suspenders, leather thongs and all — and will on occasion lace a wedding ceremony with lyrics from The Grateful Dead.

He hardly ever wears a jacket, but will extract from his ample pants pockets a cell phone, beeper, and electronic address file.

Every other Sunday, Schwartz sets up a folding table on the Venice Beach boardwalk bordering the Pacific, the haunt of rollerbladers, muscle builders, incense peddlers and gaping tourists. Under a prominent "Jewish Astrology" placard and surrounded by books and calendars, he practices his craft through a method of his own devising.

Clients are asked for their date of birth according to the Hebrew calendar. "Some 95 percent of Jews, even religious ones and Israelis, don't know their Jewish birthdate," he says.

Schwartz uses the date, along with the appropriate Torah portion, the numerical equivalent of the letters in the client's Hebrew name, the *Tanya*, the classical text of Hassidic mysticism, and the Lubavitcher rebbe's thoughts for the day, to tell each person's fortune.

Schwartz doesn't claim to be a psychic



'Schwartzie' sits at his Jewish Astrology table on the Venice Beach boardwalk while his wife Olivia poses with two of their 12 children: If Jews won't go to synagogue, he takes Judaism to them. (Janice Belson)

and he doesn't predict the future. "I try to tell people who they are, their essence, and through that identify their potential and how they can realize it."

"I started this astrology as a *shit*, a hook, but I've been blown away by how often I hit the mark," he says.

Private astrology readings at large singles parties, such as his highly popular "Not a Christmas Party" each December 25, help raise the wherewithal for his free services. "They'll stand in line from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., fighting to get to the astrology table," he says.

Schwartz's unorthodox approach and style is based on the simple premise that

if Jews, especially the younger generation, won't go to synagogues or join Jewish organizations, then he has to go where they normally gather, or provide a setting in which they feel comfortable.

LOS ANGELES is the natural proving ground for Schwartz's theory. Among the city's more than 500,000 Jews, close to 70 percent are unaffiliated, and the percentage is probably higher among Jews in their 20s to 40s. "For outreach, you can't lose in this city," says Schwartz.

Where do young Jews meet? One place is the popular Comedy Store, a Sunset Strip club, and every Purim Schwartz is

there, doing his stand-up routine and reading from the megilla to a sell-out crowd of 450 people.

His wife organizes a "spiritual spa retreat" near Palm Springs for married women who enjoy going to expensive spas for a rejuvenation weekend.

And, to offer young Jewish men and women a nice place to meet, enjoy themselves and imbibe some Judaism at the same time, Schwartz will set up a moonlight cruise or rock concert.

By now, he has compiled a computer printout of 4,000 single Jews and 1,500 couples. From these lists, and from strays he may pick up along the way, Schwartz

invites 30 guests each week to join his large family for Sabbath eve dinners.

The 52-year old Schwartz was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the son of a "Conservadox" cantor who fled Vienna in 1939. His father disliked all hassidic movements with a passion, and when his only son decided to become a Lubavitcher disciple, the father turned his back, predicting, "You'll be a bum."

After rabbinical studies, including two years at Kfar Habad in Israel in the late 1960s, Schwartz found his natural calling at the UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) campus Habad House, the first of its kind at any

American university.

He quickly became a highly visible campus figure, setting up his stand on the main student thoroughfare, next to the Moonies and Jews for Jesus.

Soon he was dragging startled students into his succa on wheels to wave palm fronds, engaging a seven-piece rock band for a Purim party, and buttonholing anyone he suspected of being a Jew.

"I could identify nine out of 10 students as Jews just by their looks," he says. "The other one was either Armenian or Italian." He left his campus post after 13 years, when his unconventional methods got to be a bit much for his superiors.

"I am still a Lubavitcher in my heart," he reflects, "but by no longer being an official Habad representative, I figured I could do even more outrageous things."

Left with no job, but with a wife and 10 children (the number has now swelled to 12), Shlomo and Olivia founded the Chai Center nine years ago. The same stands for "Life" in Hebrew, but doubles as an acronym for "Center for Happiness & Awesome Insights." His business card further identifies the CHAI Center as "A Very Non-Profit Organization," and he conducts his far-flung operations on a budget of \$200,000 a year.

About a third of that sum is raised at an annual banquet, and for the rest he relies on donations for officiating at life-cycle events, the sale of Chai (in Hebrew letters) baseball caps, and the skills of the center's executive director, his 26-year old son Mayshe.

"If I had some extra money for advertising," he sighs, "I'd rent the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for Yom Kippur and get 3,000 people, easy."

Not everybody loves Schwartz's style. He says he has received hate mail from establishment rabbis objecting to his free High Holy Days services, and four appeals for a modest grant from the Jewish Community Foundation have gone unanswered.

Yet, detractors are a distinct minority. "He's a spiritual inspiration," says actor Elliott Gould, who along with Richard Dreyfuss and other Hollywood personalities have attended Schwartz's Torah classes. "His means may be unorthodox, but his teachings are purely kosher."

"The first time I heard Schwartz speak, my heart opened up," says Jackie Stern. "He is truly committed, but not judgmental." A former local officer of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Stern adds, "He has shown us that a feminist can be an observant Jew."

Orthodox rabbi Nachum Braverman of Aish/HaTorah notes that "Schwartz reaches people no one else can, because he is so open and tolerant and accepting and embracing. I, for one, have never met anyone who didn't like Schwartz."

Schwartz has the last word. "I've been called a Reform Hassid and God's court jester. But whatever the label, I do believe that to bring Jews back into the fold one must serve God with joy."

Litvak culture is alive and well in South Africa

Lithuanian Jewish immigrants have had a major impact on South Africa, both politically and economically, Ed Stoddard reports

Casino magnate Sol Kerzner, the late communist Joe Slovo and veteran anti-apartheid activist Helen Suzman make an unlikely trio, but they share one thing in common: Aside from making a big impact on South African public life, this colorful cast is all of Lithuanian-Jewish descent.

"Within the realm of public personalities here, you have a lot of Baltic Jews and their descendants, especially Lithuanian Jews," Tony Leon, head of the small liberal Democratic Party and himself partly of Lithuanian Jewish heritage, said.

"We are quite a little mob here," said Suzman, who for 13 years was the only anti-apartheid voice in the whites-only parliament.

Like their Old World ancestors, whose ranks included wealthy capitalists, zealous Zionists, prominent religious scholars and committed communists, South

Africa's Litvaks, as Lithuanian Jews call themselves, have spanned the political spectrum.

On the left stands Slovo, the former head of the South African Communist Party, who was born in Lithuania in 1926 and came to South Africa at the age of nine.

On the right stands Kerzner, a flamboyant businessman who built the casino resort Sun City in a black homeland and founded the entertainment and leisure giant Sun International.

The Baltic Jewish community in South Africa also includes Nobel prize-winning novelist Nadine Gordimer, whose father came from Latvia.

Lithuanians dominate the Jewish community in South Africa to an extent seen in no other country, even their former home.

"We have around 80,000 to 90,000 Jews in South Africa, and about 80 percent of them are of

Baltic descent, most of them from Lithuania," said David Saks, an historian and researcher at the Jewish Board of Deputies in Johannesburg.

"We probably have the most 'Lithuanian' Jewish community in the world," said Saks, whose own grandparents came from Lithuania.

This ratio even exceeds that of Lithuania itself as most of the Baltic state's small Jewish community, now numbering a mere 5,000, comprises immigrants who arrived from different parts of the Soviet Union after World War II.

The war devastated Lithuanian

Jewry, once a leading center of Jewish thought and culture.

Historians estimate that 94% of the country's prewar Jewish population of 220,000 perished in the Holocaust.

The capital Vilnius, once known as the Jerusalem of Lithuania, was home to a thriving community of 60,000 Jews, with more than 90 synagogues and the biggest Yiddish library in the world.

Aside from one functioning synagogue, few traces of its rich Jewish past remain.

"South Africa is more Litvak than Lithuania itself... when Jews from Lithuania look to South

Africa, we see our culture and society have been preserved there," said playwright and novelist Mark Zingeris, one of the few Litvaks remaining in Lithuania.

"Here, the Litvak culture was all but destroyed by the Holocaust and 50 years of Soviet rule. But it has lived on in South Africa," he told Reuters by telephone from Lithuania.

The public activities and politics of South Africa's Litvak community were rooted in the Old World, but flourished in the soil of oppression and opportunity found in the New.

The reformist streak of Lithuanian Jewry, which faced

antisemitism and repression at home, was carried on by a host of anti-apartheid activists.

"Many of the Lithuanian Jews who arrived in South Africa in the late 19th century were fleeing repression in Tsarist Russia and so they were keenly aware of injustice," said Saks.

"Those who came after also faced antisemitism and the Holocaust."

The striving for social justice for everyone is a very Litvak trait. It has carried on uninterrupted in South Africa," said Zingeris.

Other less altruistic immigrants, reared in a strong entrepreneurial tradition, were lured by gold, discovered in 1886 on the spot where Johannesburg now stands, and the opportunities offered by the booming economy built around it.

"One of my great-grandfathers came from Lithuania in the late 19th century with nothing but the

freedom to trade," said Leon, whose party is firmly in the pro-market camp.

"He started a bag and bottle business and turned it into a huge company in one generation."

"I evolved my activist politics under my own steam... my father left Lithuania at the turn of the century to escape antisemitism, pogroms and service in the tsar's army. But he was not a radical chap," said Suzman, a part-time member of the South African human rights commission.

"He came to South Africa simply looking for a better life." Back home, Lithuania's small surviving Jewish community continues its diverse tradition of public and private service.

Several of its members are prominent businessmen while the one Jewish member of Lithuania's parliament, Emmanuel Zingeris, leads its committee on human rights and minorities. (Reuters)

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Rene Magritte: 'The Son of Man,' oils, 1964 (\$2.5m.-\$3.5m. at Christie's, on view at the Tel Aviv Hilton, October 4-6)

Europeans in Tel Aviv

AT THE AUCTIONS

Noted European painters will be offered along with major Israeli ones at Sotheby's October 8 sale in Tel Aviv.

The priciest oil is a fairly late Marc Chagall of a bridal couple dallying next to two huge potted plants, with a median estimate of \$0.5m.

Of greater interest is a colorful little oil of a woman knitting (unsigned, stamped with initials) by Camille Pissarro (\$150,000-\$200,000) and a lovely Pissarro drawing in charcoal and watercolor of two kneeling peasant women (\$18,000-\$20,000); and also a pair of oils on each side of a single canvas, riverside scenes by Paul Signac (\$80,000-\$100,000). These predate Signac's pointillist experiments; they date from 1894.

There's a double-sided Reuben Rubin too, painted in Romania in 1920, before the artist settled in Tel Aviv. A biblical prophet appears on one side; a bourgeois couple on the other, the latter in the European early modernist tradition (\$80,000-\$100,000). Rubin did not embark on his early "naive" signature style until after his arrival here.

German-Jewish painter Lesser Ury is also represented with an early work, a surprisingly cheerful (thanks to the balmy sky) middle-distance village landscape from 1912, a marked contrast to his later Berlin pictures (\$50,000-\$60,000).

A peculiar Paschin oil of a reclining nude, 1919, is evidence that at this date, the artist had not yet developed his mature style. The head, torso and legs are all of different treatment and color, but the

composition is interesting. This oil once belonged to Paul Cassirer and comes from the Thannhausers of Berne (\$80,000-\$100,000).

An early Paldi landscape, a lively Zaritsky abstract oil, a fine Len Nikel abstraction and a pivotal minimalist painting and collage by Arie Aroch (the latter hoped to go as high as \$60,000) are among the many Israeli notables.

Drawings by Max Pechstein and Max Liebermann also enliven this sale. The Pechstein watercolor portrait has a top estimate of \$5,000 while the jokey watercolor self-portrait by Liebermann, a real gem and a great likeness, has a top estimate of \$3,000.

Liebermann, forced to resign from his post as president of the Prussian Academy when the Nazis came to power, died shortly afterwards and not in 1945, as given in the catalog.

A nice little 1919 watercolor of a village landscape by Pechstein has an estimate of \$10,000-\$15,000.

There's an interesting group of avant-garde Russian costume designs: two charming watercolors of young ladies by Diaghilev Ballet designer Natalia Goncharova with top estimates of \$4,000; and four rich ink and gouache costume designs by Nina Akzenberg (\$2,000-\$2,500 each pair).

There's also a realist and rather ordinary drawing of a nude in bed by Goncharova's designer husband, Mikhail Larionov, dated 1928 (\$2,000-\$3,000).

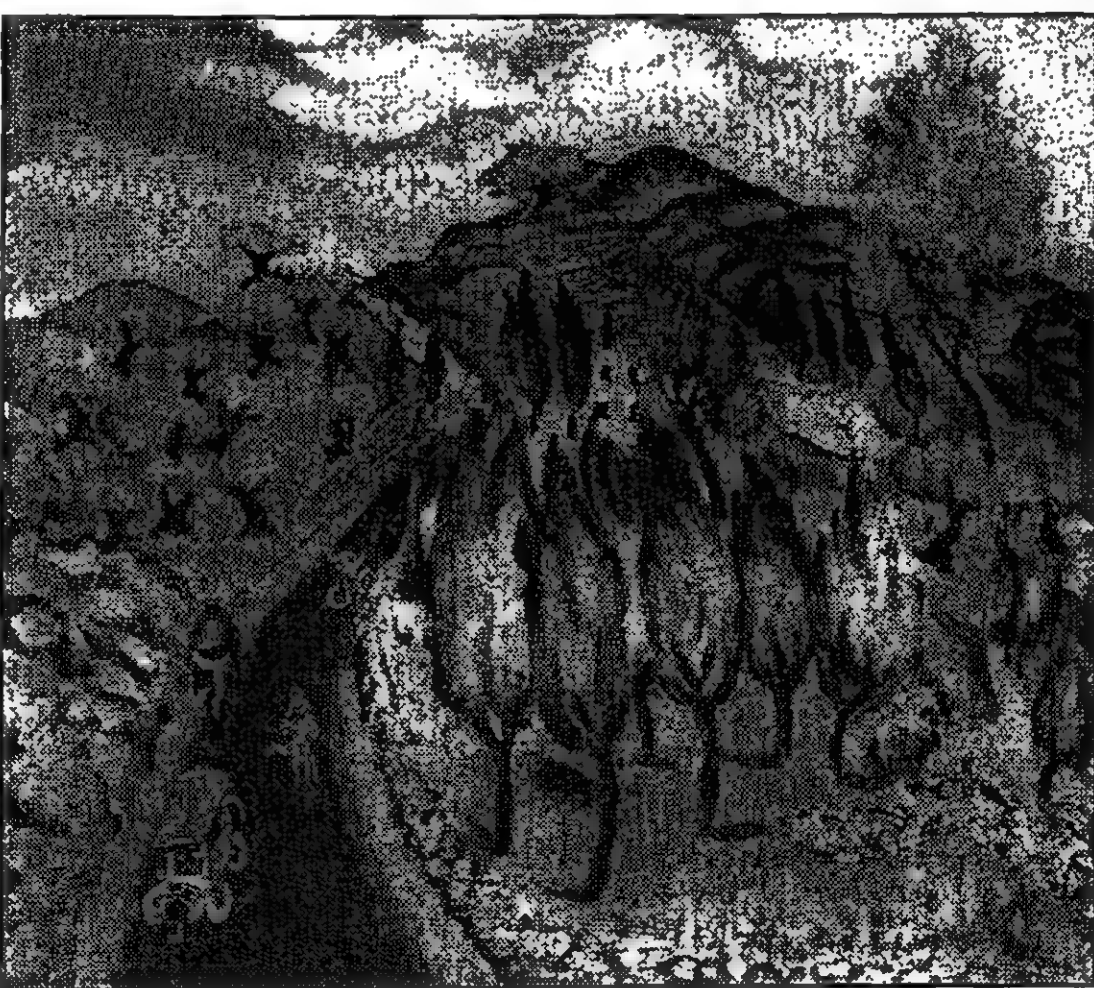
TOP ITEMS from the collection of Harry Torczyner, to be sold by Christie's in New York on November 19 and 20, will be on preview at the Tel Aviv Hilton between October 4-6.

Among the paintings is one of the few self-portraits made by surrealist Rene Magritte, *The Son of Man*, 1964. It depicts the carefully dressed and bowler-hat-



Camille Pissarro: 'Two Peasants,' charcoal & watercolor, 1893 (\$18,000-\$22,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

Israel Paldi: 'Landscape in Galilee,' oils, 1925-7 (\$30,000-\$40,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)



ted artist with an apple floating in front of his face and has a whopping pre-sale estimate of \$2.5m.-\$3.5m.

Antwerp-born Torczyner, a lawyer, Zionist and international figure, was a tireless champion of both Belgium and Israel and a personal adviser to Magritte; in

Justice a ste fuise, 1958, Magritte painted Torczyner in a toga with a hot-air balloon above his head.

Read what you will into this (I remember Magritte as a dry man in a fastidious white suit, but he must have had a sense of humor). In any case, Torczyner did a great deal to promote Magritte and

donated a major oil of his to the Israel Museum.

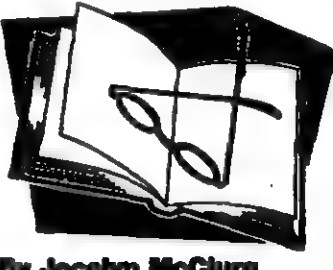
Torczyner collected Francis Bacon, George Segal, Max Ernst, Christo and Klee, and there are 25 paintings and drawings by Magritte among the more than 50 works in the collection. Christie's expects it to bring around \$15m.



Kearns: Now she roots for the Red Sox. (The Hartford Courant)

A love affair with baseball

BOOK REVIEW



By Jocelyn McChug

When she was 7, young Doris Kearns, a rabid Brooklyn Dodgers fan and faithful Catholic, made her first confession.

She confessed she had prayed that Allie Reynolds, pitcher for the arch-enemy New York Yankees, would break his arm.

Anything else, my child? the priest asked.

Yes. She had prayed that Enos Slaughter of the Cards would break his ankle, that Phil Rizzuto of the Yanks would fracture a rib, that Alvin Dark of the Giants would hurt his knee ... and she added angelically, she wished all these injuries would go away once the baseball season ended.

Luckily for Doris, the priest was a Dodgers fan with a sense of humor.

didn't fully comprehend Robinson's historical significance. "I understood what a great player he was, and unconsciously that meant that you were crossing a line of race, because you loved this person so much. As I grew older and became involved in the civil rights movement in the '60s, I became much more aware of how important he was to the whole civil rights struggle, and the 50th anniversary (last year) just made it clear how important he was to all of America, not just to blacks."

Wait Till Next Year hit the best-seller list when it was published in hardcover last year, and it's currently a best seller in paperback. Goodwin says the book has struck a chord not just with baseball fans, but with readers who identify with her happy postwar childhood and old close-knit neighborhood.

Writing the memoir made her feel closer to her parents than "I had in a long time" (her mother died when Doris was a teen-ager, and her father died in 1972).

"It's like they're back again," says Goodwin, who lives surrounded by history in Concord, Mass. "In some ways the greatest impulse to write history is to tell the stories of these people in the past. You really feel like they're not gone."

Goodwin had established a reputation as a presidential historian and best-selling author well before she became known as a baseball fan, and she frequently appears on television news shows to talk politics.

The Goodwins have season tickets to the Sox, the storied team that has replaced the Dodgers in Goodwin's baseball affections. Rooting for the Red Sox is a family affair, but Goodwin describes herself as the "irrational" and "emotional" fan. Her youngest son, a sophomore at Harvard, is like she is: "really sad when they lose and very happy when they win." Goodwin says she's happiest when the Red Sox win in a 15-0 blowout.

Like other Sox fans, she has wild-card playoff hopes for her team this year.

Goodwin isn't a baseball purist like some old-time fans. But she says it's harder to care about the game in an era when players switch teams so frequently.

"In the earlier days you were connected to a bunch of people, you knew their habits if they were in a slump. Whole parishes in Brooklyn would pray for Gil Hodges," she recalls.

But the game that entered her heart when she was a little girl still has a place there.

"I think the game is still a great game," says Goodwin, who can't wait to read the paper the morning after the Red Sox have won.

But in a year when the Yankees look unstoppable, if her team lets her down, she'll just have to wait till next year.

(The Hartford Courant)

One of the highlights of Doris Kearns' life as a Dodgers fan came the day Jackie Robinson signed her autograph book

Millions on the move: a human tragedy

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

There are more human beings moving from one country to another today than comprise the entire populations of many countries. More than 100 million people are on the move.

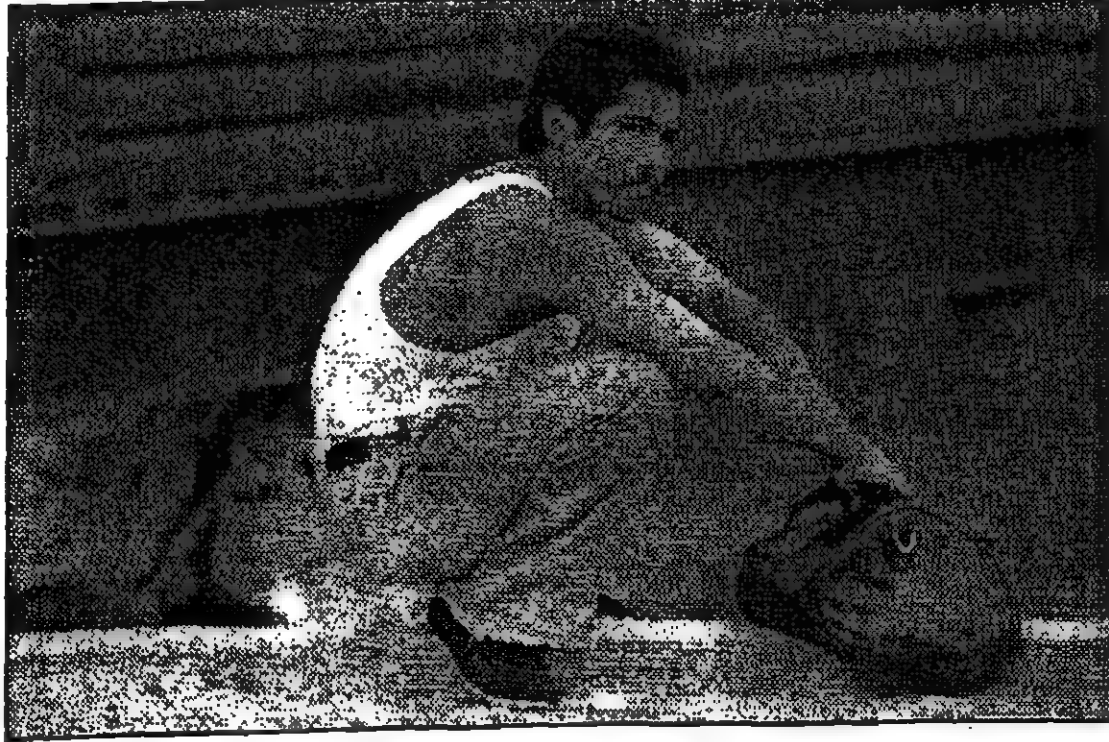
This mass migration, a human tragedy of almost incomprehensible proportions, is also the root of an environmental blight so great that some serious students of the problem rank it second in importance only to the threat of global warming.

People migrate either because of wars and fear of physical harm, or because of economic troubles, as the hungry, the homeless and the hopeless flee to more promising areas.

Particularly now, as localized attempts at "ethnic cleansing" - an elegant term for genocide - send more and more people fleeing for their lives, the pressures on the borders of safer countries is enormous.

But even economic pressures make many migrants willing to risk anything, even their lives, in an attempt to find a better place to be.

ANOTHER factor is age. In Mexico, 47% of the population is under 16 years of age. In Africa 45% of the total population is



Hoping to cross over illegally, a man waits for darkness just inside the US-Mexico border. (AP)

under 15, in Iraq, Iran and Syria 47% to 49% of the population is under 15 and in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua it's a bit more than 45%.

It is obvious that these massive numbers of young people, lacking education, jobs, homes, health care and even clean drinking water, will have the explosive needs and hopeless futures that form a basic element of the destabilization of populations.

To illustrate the magnitude of the problem, one might consider that during the first five days of May 1988 the US Border Patrol apprehended 5,185 persons who were attempting to cross the bor-

der from Mexico illegally.

Between 1993 and 1996, 1,185 people died trying to cross illegally from Mexico to the US. Compare this with the fact that between 1961 and 1989 only 100 people died trying to cross the Berlin Wall.

Of course, not all migration is desperate or illegal. Legal immigration alone adds one million people a year to the US population.

GIVEN the desperation of many migrants, it may seem to some that discussing the related environmental issues is insensitive.

But this is not the case. The migration of large numbers of people inevitably leads to destruction of locations, depletion of natural resources and decimation of environmental attributes.

These populations survive by consuming resources in a manner that impoverishes the areas where they live and deprive all future inhabitants of even the most basic needs.

The destruction of farmlands is one case in point. We now lose an area of arable land the size of Ireland each year, mostly because of overpopulation, displacement and abandonment.

These depredations ultimately leave their mark long after the immediate needs of the migrants have been met, and long after their wounds have begun to heal.

Following the tuna trail

By DAVID SALISBURY

Your tuna sandwich may be in danger. The growing environmental threats to ocean-growing tuna and the decline in the breeding population have required scientists to monitor their migration and devise better management strategies for these remarkable and commercially valuable fish.

Now a new satellite-tagging technology for bluefin tuna, designed by scientists at Stanford University in California, has proven that it can help resolve some of the mysteries of tuna migration.

Microprocessor tags, deployed

in 1996 and 1997 by university scientists, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the National Marine Fisheries Service, revealed that tunas tagged off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, were able to move as far as 1,670 nautical miles in 90 days – and that some fish crossed the line separating eastern and western management zones for the bluefin fishery.

"The results of our work indicate that the technology works, and that survivorship is high. The fact that the bluefin spread out in 90 days across the western Atlantic and into the western margins of the eastern Atlantic management zone indicates these fish are on the move," said Dr. Barbara

Block of the Tuna Research and Conservation Center (TRCC).

The findings appear in the latest issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The new tags, called satellite pop-up tags, pop free of the fish at a preprogrammed time, float to the surface and beam their accumulated data via satellite to scientists in the lab, revealing where the fish moved and what ocean temperatures they favored.

GIANT bluefin tuna, which can fetch as much as \$80,000 apiece in the Tokyo seafood market, currently are managed as two separate Atlantic stocks with limited mixing between the western and

eastern Atlantic.

Using this management strategy, breeding stocks in the western Atlantic have declined by more than 80 percent over the past 22 years, and eastern Atlantic bluefin of similar ages have fallen by 50 percent during the same period.

Western Atlantic tuna are managed under a strict annual quota; eastern Atlantic bluefin have been managed under catch quotas only since 1995, with a 25 percent reduction to be fully implemented this year.

"It's now possible – and imperative – to make use of satellite tag technology to determine the extent of transatlantic migrations," Block says. "In that way, management strategies can reflect fish behavior

in the real world.

"With this technology it will be possible to manage giant bluefin tuna so mature breeding stocks could recover in our lifetime."

A 1994 report by the National Research Council recommended that fisheries scientists test the stock structure theories to confirm whether bluefin tuna are one or two stocks in the Atlantic Ocean.

"We believe that the advanced tagging technologies currently being applied to Atlantic bluefin tuna could provide essential information for resolving questions about the existence of one or two management units," added Eric Prince, chief of the migratory fishery biology division of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Miami, Florida.

Data from the 1997 study found that two out of the 37 bluefin tuna crossed between management zones and four additional bluefin were within 5 degrees longitude of the stock boundary meridian.

ACCORDING to Block, the satellite tags can be used to provide similar information about other fish species whose lives are equally mysterious. To date, she and her colleagues have put the tags on bluefin and yellowfin tuna, blue and striped marlins and salmon sharks.

What sets the satellite tags apart from other fish-tagging methods is the fact that scientists can recover the data without relying on tagged fish being caught and the tags voluntarily turned in to their labs by fishermen.

Historically, about 13 percent of conventional bluefin tags have been recovered. In the 1996 and 1997 experiments, data were recovered from 35 of 37 satellite tags. Importantly, this indicates high survivorship of the tag-and-release fish.

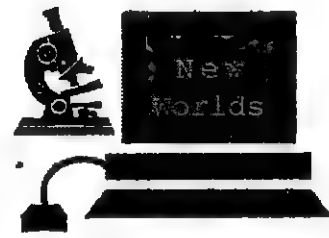
Extensive work with captive tunas demonstrated that the tags can be attached without harm to the fish, either in the lab or in the field.

There are plans to tag between 600 and 1,000 giant Atlantic bluefin tuna by the year 2000 to further the research. (Stanford University New Service)



Satellite-tagging technology can help resolve some mysteries of tuna migration – and get a much-loved salad taken off the list of endangered dishes.

Register for e-mail's Yellow Pages



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Locating an Israeli's e-mail address has just become much easier. Internet Dapei Zahav (Internet Yellow Pages) has placed a guide to thousands of e-mail addresses on its Internet site and lists at no charge.

The site, which is located at www.yellowpages.co.il/email, allows full linkage to two other e-mail search engines – the classified Internet Yellow Pages and Bezeq's electronic phone book.

Yair Aloush, the managing director of Internet Yellow Pages, explains that the new listing will allow many Internet surfers to locate the addresses they need for personal or business dealings.

Internet users who want to register may do so either in Hebrew or English. The electronic form on the site allows you to enter not only your name, place of work and e-mail address, but also your phone number, personal comments and even a photograph.

But be forewarned. If you register, you may be deluged by junk mail or get messages from people you don't want to hear from.

The company's classified Internet Yellow Pages site, at www.yellowpages.co.il, lists thousands of commercial Internet sites according to category and includes fax numbers, addresses, maps with the exact location of the business and lists of goods and services.

LEARNING BIOTECH FARMING

Twenty-one researchers in agriculture from 16 countries – including China, Vietnam, Jordan and Morocco, as well as the Palestinian Authority – are participating in the second international course on biotechnology in agriculture at Rehovot's Hebrew University Faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences.

The course has been organized with support from the Foreign Ministry's division for international cooperation (Mashav). The course is exposing the students, most of whom already have graduate degrees in agriculture, to the latest methods and technologies of applying biotechnology to farming.

After the lectures, laboratory work, field trips and a final project, the participants will receive a HU certificate.

By CHIHARU KAMIMURA

A group of US psychologists and robotics researchers have designed a computer system that can spot subtle movements in the human face and recognize facial expressions. Soon the computer system's ability will be expanded, enabling it to "read" people's emotions through their faces.

Previously, computerized face analysis systems have been able to recognize only basic facial expressions such as joy, sadness and fear.

But Jeffrey Cohn, a psychology professor at the University of Pittsburgh, has helped develop a system that can discern subtle changes and their intensity in faces.

Cohn was studying face-to-face exchanges between parents and children for research in depression, but found the process time-consuming and human coders inconsistent in analyzing expressions.

About five years ago, he asked Takeo Kanade, a computer expert in face analysis at nearby Carnegie-Mellon University, to collaborate on "automated face analysis."

An established language system used in psychology to code human expressions, known as the facial active coding system, already exists, said Kanade, a robotics professor. So instead of coding by hand, as is done today, the researchers decided to let a computer do the job.

"If we can make the coding more consistent at any time, anywhere in the world, it will be very helpful in further psychotherapy research," Kanade said. He hopes the system will become a standard academic tool within a couple of years.

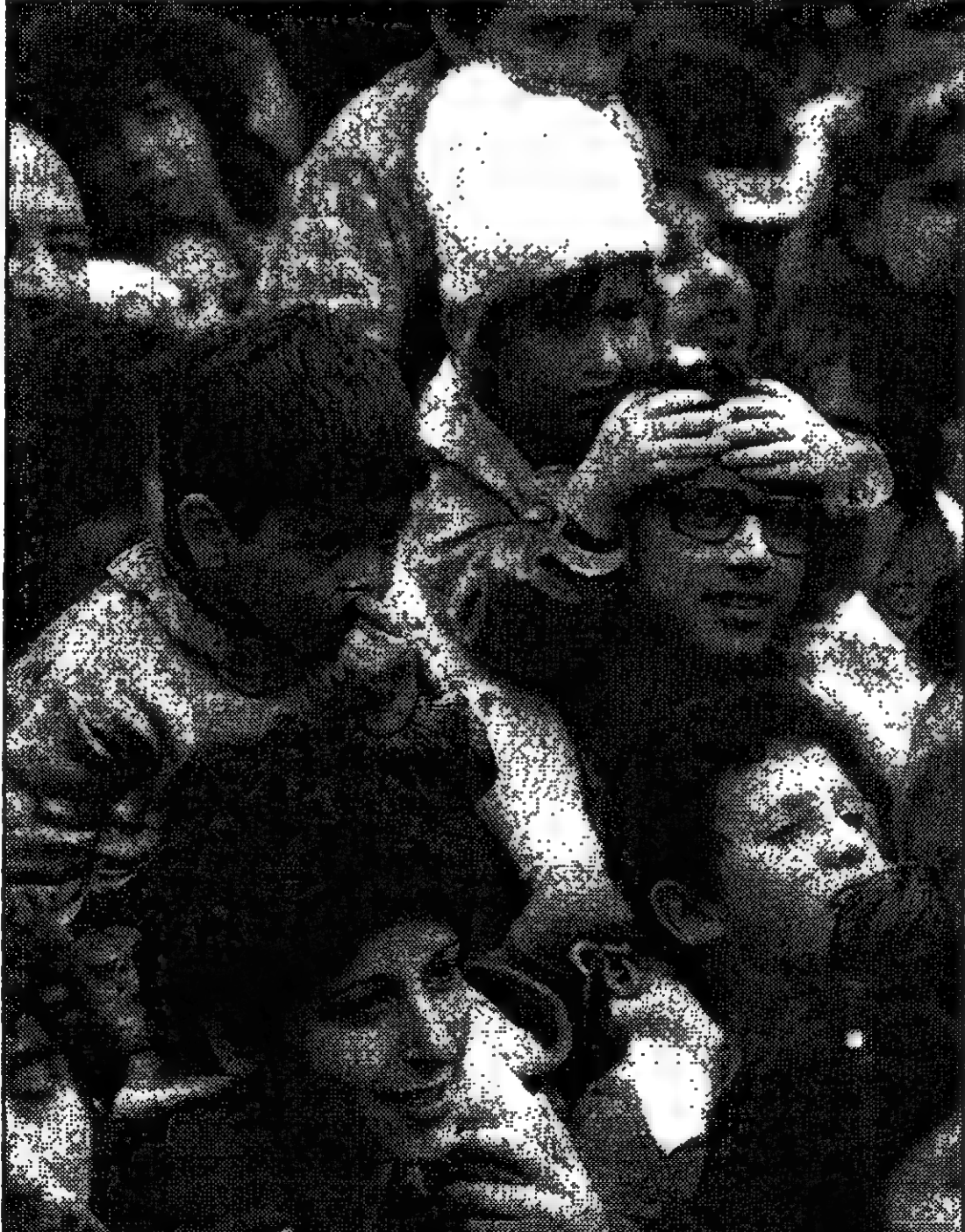
COHN and a student are using the computer system in their psychological experiments, in combination with tracking brain activity patterns, while asking a variety of questions. They study distinctions between a spontaneous smile and a deliberate one, for example.

Although the research team has not marketed automated face analysis, Cohn expects it could be used outside a psychology lab; the system, he suggests, could be used to increase the validity of lie-detector tests.

Currently, polygraph operators observe people's nonverbal behaviors and code them. The new method examines people's faces more quantitatively, providing more reliable information.

Advertisers or political campaign consultants could use this system with focus groups to study people's reactions to new

Computers that can 'read' faces



Advertisers or political campaign consultants could use automated face analysis with focus groups to study reactions to new commercials, products or candidates. (R. Nowitz)

commercials, products or candidates. The computer could accurately sort responses by detecting slight changes in facial expressions.

The system uses three separate methods to extract information from a sequence of movements in the videotaped face, "so that our system will be more robust," Cohn said. "Any one method is subject to some type of error. By using three methods, the system will be more reliable."

One method, called dense flow, tracks locations and intensity of all pixels (picture elements)

across the frames of the digitized face image. The second way is to follow motions in selected features, specific points, on the face. The third method extracts information about transient changes on the face.

It takes up to 10 hours for a human to code one minute of facial expression, but the computer can track specific features on a one-second-long videotaped face in about 30 seconds.

The researchers are working on the system to extract information even faster. So far the researchers have analyzed image sequences

of more than 100 subjects, using 15 types of facial actions. Their computer system has scored 85 percent correct in analysis.

"It's as accurate, as reliable with a human, as two humans are with each other," Cohn said.

Another plus, compared to the abilities of human coders: A computer's reliability does not change from one experiment to the next, Cohn said.

"A computer does not become tired," he said. "It continues to work. It makes the same kind of measurement and discrimination every day." (Newsday)



All about the kosher kitchen

Making kashrut as easy as pie



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Kashrut Hamazon (The Kashrut of Food), a CD-ROM in Hebrew (soon to appear in an English version), by Torah Educational Software (www.jewishsoftware.com), suitable for Windows 3.1 or Windows 95, for religious youngsters, sold by TES and The Jerusalem Post Book Department, NIS 149. Rating: ★★★★★

It's the boys who generally learn Talmud, but it's the girls who – when they grow up – have to implement in their kitchens some of the most complicated and important rules of Jewish ritual.

This wonderful program, which makes learning about the basics of kashrut a piece of cake, focuses on religious girls as its audience, even though the boys, as future husbands, should certainly know as much as their future wives.

Torah Educational Software, which has for years produced and distributed high-quality computer programs on religious themes, explains that it didn't intend to exclude boys, but that the program was based on a book by Zev Greenwald, which was illustrated with pictures of girls, and that determined the focus.

In any case, if religious boys are not put off by the characters in the program – teenage girls dressed modestly and with names like Gitty, Hinda, Yocheved and Raizy, they will learn just as much about the subject.

But the program will not interest secular youngsters, who are unlikely to know (or care) about the difference between *trumah*, *orla* or *isvel*, separating *halla* and the process of kashering chickens and broiling liver.

The program is presented with pleasant traditional music in the background, such as *Eshet Hayil* ("A Woman of Valor"). The volume can easily be adjusted by clicking on an icon.

THE disk begins with an introduction to a girls' class. The screen pans over the scene, which includes cartoon-like text balloons with quotes from the girls' conversation.

After getting the hang of it, the user can go into any of 14 subjects, from the purchase of kosher foods, kosher animals and fish and ways to remove insects from pulses, to forbidden foods, separating meat and dairy and kashering meat.

Each topic, when clicked, brings into view a scene featuring the girls (along with their female teachers or rabbis) that is automatically "toured" to help users find their way. The user clicks on a balloon with text or a section of the illustration and it talks – explaining the Halacha. When clicked, the black-and-white section turns to color.

One is told, for example, that seemingly kosher products may not be, as raisins or even metal baking tins are often dipped by manufacturers into non-kosher oils, so one must always be scrupulous about buying food with "the best kashrut supervision."

One is told that if a meat knife is used to cut onion or garlic (which are considered "sharp" foods), the food itself can be eaten only at a meat meal; or that food grown in Israel has to be tithed even if eaten abroad; or that wooden utensils manufactured abroad don't have to be immersed in a ritual bath.

In the section on nonkosher food, a market with "Wahbi's Restaurant" and "Hussein's Bakery" is shown, but there is no denigration of Arabs or of any non-Jews, just the clear message that Jews have their own rules to follow.

Although the material stresses the importance of exacting ritual, the image of a pedantic religion is softened, happily, by one of the sections, which is devoted to ethical and practical issues related to food.

Here the girls note that one shouldn't sit down to a meal before one's animals (including pets) have been fed; that food must not be wasted, thrown about or left on the floor; the importance in Judaism of inviting guests to your table, and avoiding anger and even talking during a meal (the latter so food doesn't go down the trachea and cause choking).

AFTER going through all 14 topics, one is ready to try out the games. The first requires the user to place subject cards in order, as in the stages of kashering a chicken, broiling liver or checking food for insects.

There are about a dozen of these problems, and when you choose the wrong one, a buzzer will sound. Then there's a matching game with overturned cards based on kashrut themes.

The third game, featuring a young girl in a beautiful garden full of trees and peacocks and carrying a tray of food, presents questions based on the material in the disk. If you select the correct answer, the girl takes a step ahead; if you err, she moves backwards.

After several hours with the disk, users will know a lot more about the rules of kashrut, without feeling they've been preached at.

Hag Ha'Succot (The Succot Festival), a CD-ROM in Hebrew by Sweetchild Software (www.sweetchild.com), for elementary-school children, NIS 100. Rating: ★★½

SUCCOT is one of the most enjoyable Jewish holidays in the calendar. Unfortunately, this disk doesn't do it justice.

There is no teaching in the program, just games, and they are meager and conventional.

A succa booth is shown on one side of the screen in a "hangman-type" game. You have to guess a Hebrew word related to the holiday by clicking on letters from the Hebrew alphabet.

If you're at a loss, click on one of the "hint" buttons and see an image that quickly disappears: A succa, for example, means that the word starts with the letter *samech*. If you get it wrong (since the quiz is hardly challenging, this isn't so likely), a piece of the succa will fall away, but if you get it right, another part of the booth will be added.

The next is a tic-tac-toe game; you play against the program. If you answer a question about the festival correctly, a pomegranate will fill the box, and three of them in a row mean that you win.

A picture puzzle is also offered. You must click on your mouse to move the sections around. There are three levels of difficulty, with nine, 16 and 25 parts.

The fourth game, the only one to produce much enjoyment, is a song identification quiz. A gramophone is shown on the screen. Click an icon to hear a bit of Jewish music (you can choose a few notes or more). If you select the right Hebrew title, you're rewarded with applause from the program, but if you err, there is a sound of protest.

This piece of software seems to have been put together too fast, without serious planning or investment – a shame, as Sweetchild has also produced some excellent programs.

The nation's other army receives a salute

Volunteers don't do their jobs to hear a thank you, but Yad Sarah recently showed its appreciation to 3,000 unpaid workers during an event-filled day in Jerusalem. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports



A well-deserved day out: Rabbi Uri Lupoliansky (center) and cheery Yad Sarah volunteers wave to the camera outside the Israel Museum.

Nothing restores one's faith in the future of this country more than spending several hours with 3,000 Yad Sarah volunteers, who represent all ages, ethnic groups and degrees of religious observance.

"If the country's volunteers were to go out on strike, then you'd really appreciate what they do," declared Miriam Lamdan, who has worked at Yad Sarah's Ramat Gan branch for four years, distributing medical equipment and information.

"I enjoy helping people, and we are even given a bit of medical knowledge to explain things when we hand out equipment," she says.

Are many of those she encounters short-tempered, failing to appreciate that she's unpaid?

"Over 85 percent of Israelis are good and grateful people. It's the other ones who make the noise."

Although Yad Sarah volunteers don't do their jobs to hear a thank you, the organization decided recently to treat them to a special day in Jerusalem - the first nationwide Yad Sarah volunteer event since 1989. About half of its volunteers attended, leaving the remainder to man the branches.

The 3,000 who did take part were bussed to the Israel Museum, where they had a free tour of the exhibits and were served lunch under an open tent. They then proceeded to the Jerusalem International Convention Center to watch a highly professional and moving laser and multimedia show, and were treated to performances by Tuvia Tsafir, Haim Moshe, Dudi Fisher, the Israel Police Band and other entertainers.

Volunteers and beneficiaries of Yad Sarah's services told their stories in recorded interviews broadcast on stage.

One woman had been an experienced teacher. She related how she had fallen off a stage at school, suffering irreversible neurological damage that turned her overnight into a paraplegic.

"I felt my life was over; I didn't want to see anyone," she recalled. But then Yad Sarah sent a volun-

teer to visit, doing handicrafts with her and taking her out of her shell. She realized that she still had something to contribute, and her outlook and life improved.

Didi Janke, a German-born woman who came here a few years ago as a tourist, was curious to see what went on in Yad Sarah's railway car on Jerusalem's Rehov Hanefi'im, where a variety of medical equipment is lent out. She took

a peek, and was impressed.

When a friend of hers was injured and needed a walker, she remembered the railway car and went to borrow one. Since then, she has been a volunteer herself.

The president's wife, Reuma Weizman, attended the event - but as a volunteer, not a celebrity. She's been lending out equipment in the railway car once every two weeks for years, and is highly respected by

her fellow workers for her dedication.

FOUNDED 22 years ago by Rabbi Uri Lupoliansky, now deputy mayor of Jerusalem, Yad Sarah has 85 branches from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat.

It all began when the Lupolianskys lent their electric vaporizer to neighbors who needed it for a sick child; in those days such

equipment was very expensive and hard to get. When other families heard about it, they too asked if they could borrow the device.

A year or so later, Uri's father Ya'acov retired from business and donated funds in memory of his mother Sarah, who had died in the Holocaust, to purchase more needed medical equipment.

Today, with 6,000 volunteers and only a few dozen paid workers, Yad

Sarah saves the state NIS 1 billion a year in hospitalization and long-term-care costs. Its unpaid workers donate one million hours a year of their time to help 250,000 people - representing one in every three Israeli families - annually.

If the organization had to pay 6,000 part-time salaries, Lupoliansky said, it would have to spend NIS 25 million on that alone.

The volunteers include professionals, such as lawyers, engineers, architects and even the managing director of a bank.

Services have gone beyond equipment lending. There are also home services, day rehabilitation centers, outreach to the homebound, emergency alert and communications centers, a toy library and enrichment center for disabled children, meals on wheels, and the delivery of oxygen tanks.

Yad Sarah also provides paid employment for Russian immigrants, who assemble wheelchairs and oxygen-production machines.

YAD Sarah has become a model for the world, helping communities in other countries establish their own volunteer-operated, home care support services. There are now some 80 Yad Sarah-style centers in parts of the former Soviet Union, and the South African government will soon be establishing three centers in Johannesburg and Soweto and Alexander townships.

Within a few months, there will be a new center in New York, and later in Shanghai.

Yad Sarah receives no funds from the Israeli government, depending instead on donations used to finance the organization's activities in Israel. In recognition of its achievements, it has received the Israel Prize, the Kaplan Prize for Efficiency and the President's Award for Volunteering.

"We get a lot out of it," said David and Sarah Malkiel, the parents of four children aged six to 16 who live in Holon.

Unlike many Yad Sarah volunteers, they are not pensioners. David is a carpenter, and his skills come in very handy when he and

Sarah visit Masouda, a childless Iraqi-born widow in her 80s who is confined to her home.

Sarah visits her twice a week, taking a bus to get there; in between visits, she phones to see if the old woman needs anything and to hear how she is.

They have volunteered for seven years, first getting involved when Sarah's mother was in a road accident and needed to borrow a piece of equipment.

Wally Mayer, a young-looking 82-year-old Tel Aviv resident who has volunteered at Yad Sarah since 1985, says he's a determined secular Jew.

"But I'm impressed by the way religious and secular Jews get along in Yad Sarah. There's no politics, but there is tolerance."

Mayer, who immigrated from South Africa in 1949, was introduced to the organization when his late wife was ill.

Shoshana Cohen, a religious woman from Jerusalem's Har Nof neighborhood, has been volunteering for 18 years, most of them in the Hanefi'im railway car, and often side by side with Reuma Weizman.

"My daughter ran the Yad Sarah branch in Kiryat Ata, so it's a family affair. I'm in the railway car three times a week."

"Sometimes people under pressure and worried about sick relatives shout, but I've learned to respond slowly and quietly. That usually changes their behavior."

Lenore Schapiro, Chava Friedman, Yenta Saffir and Guillelmo Cohen of Jerusalem don't lend out equipment, but they come to Yad Sarah's beautiful new headquarters on Sderot Herzl whenever they're needed.

"We're like ambassadors: We meet organized English-speaking groups of tourists and explain everything about the organization to them," said Cohen, who reels off a lot of information and statistics that the guides learned in training sessions.

"Then the tourists go back as enthusiastic as we are. Many of them donate and raise funds for Yad Sarah's activities at home."

Human lab rat defends his rights

By MEKI COX

PHILADELPHIA - Robert Helms is a human lab rat gone bad - he's biting the hand that feeds him.

For the last three years, as a subject of medical experiments, Helms has been injecting unknown fluids into his blood, jabbing tubes up his nose and popping mysterious pills. It was sometimes the only way to pay the rent. But today, Helms has turned into a renegade rat.

His paycheck is funding reports that criticize the way scientists treat those who volunteer for America's medical experiments. And now it's the researchers who are sore.

Helms, 40, has started a magazine that monitors how well hospitals care for the rights and safety of their paid subjects.

When Helms is not subjecting himself to needle pokes, he spends his days under a flickering lamp compiling *Guinea Pig Zero*, the only known occupational professional magazine for people used as medical or pharmaceutical research subjects. The magazine is giving a voice to a group of people in a very risky profession, he said. It aims to help others avoid falling "victim to the evil uses devised for us by scientists who forget that we and they are of the same species."

One issue was dedicated to a 19-year-old Rochester, New York, woman who had a heart attack a few hours after she left a research unit where she received a fatal overdose of lidocaine, a local anesthetic. She was being paid \$150 (NIS 579) for participating in research on the effects of smoking and air pollution.

"Yeah, this scares me a little bit," said the black-booted, jeans-clad Helms, sitting in his dingy Philadelphia apartment among liberation posters and anarchist literature. "But it's worth it."

HELMS prides himself on being the ideal lab rat: a healthy average white male, 1.75 meters tall, 70 kilograms, brown hair, hazel eyes and glasses.

But he is picky. He says no to all psychotic drugs, and yes to all that have minimum side effects, such as hypertension or antifungal drugs.

"I just want to pass the time and get money for doing it. I don't want any big experiences," he said.

"It's one thing to sell your body, it's another thing to sell your body and your mind. I want complete control of my mind. I'm definitely not brain slut," said Helms, using a phrase he coined for participants in psychiatric studies, as opposed to lab rats, or guinea pigs, who volunteer for physical research.

Four years ago, Helms was a regular working man, earning \$40,000 (NIS 154,400) as a union represen-

tative for health care workers. He says he grew tired of the job and now, as a full-time guinea pig, he makes only about \$15,000 (NIS 57,900) a year. His \$3 (NIS 11.58) magazine, launched two years ago, appears quarterly, depending on the state of his bank account.

He sells about 1,000 copies nationwide, but is hoping circulation will double this year through subscriptions, Internet distribution and Tower Records stores.

"Since we're the only one who's making it possible for progress in medicine, this is how we can raise consciousness and respect for what we do," Helms said.

Even a subscriber at the National Institutes for Health is listening.

"I've had a subscription since volume 1," said Gary Ellis, director of the Office for Protection from Research Risks. "It's an interesting perspective. And as far as I know, there has not been a publication catered to so-called professional research subjects."

And now the US Department of Health and Human Services is also addressing the issue; it sent a draft report to Congress questioning the ability of overworked medical boards that oversee the safety of people enrolled in medical research.

HELMS was noticed nationally last year after he published a critical and hotly contested review of Allegheny University of the Health Sciences.

He accused it of keeping volunteers waiting to draw blood, doing sloppy injections, and not distributing the protocol of the experiment unless pestered. He gave other facilities such as Thomas Jefferson University Hospital an "A plus."

After *Harper's* magazine printed a version of the report, Allegheny sued *Harper's* and Helms for libel, its lawyer calling the article "false, defamatory, malicious, and of tremendous harm to Allegheny."

The magazine made a hasty apology. Helms gave up the report card series and the case was settled. This year, Helms decided to bring the report cards back.

Helms writes and edits most of the 40-page publication. He no longer participates in jobs at Allegheny, and a few research groups have prohibited him from participating in their studies. Helms says it's because of his magazine.

"They manufacture reasons to get rid of me," he said. "It's discrimination against an activist."

But at least some guinea pigs welcome what he's doing.

"It's almost like being in a labor union," said Don Layton, a video store manager who makes \$3,000 (NIS 11,800) extra a year from participating in research.

"Someone's looking out for the guinea pigs now." (Associated Press)

Reiki can boost chances for successful IVF

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

It's well known that tension can reduce the success rates of in vitro fertilization - as well as the chances for a natural pregnancy.

Now researchers at Ha'emek Hospital in Afula have found that Reiki therapy, a relaxation and pain-reduction technique, can significantly increase the chances for successful embryo implantation in women who undergo fertility treatments.

Claimed to be the first clinical

study of its kind in the world, the research was conducted in the gynecology and obstetrics department headed by Prof. Eliezer Shalev.

A total of 45.7% of women who underwent Reiki therapy during the implantation process became pregnant, but only 26.1% of the control group, who did not have Reiki during IVF, conceived.

The study was carried out on 104 women aged 31 and 32 over a period of two months, all chosen

for their similar personal and demographic characteristics. The Reiki therapy was given for 15 to 20 minutes shortly before the tiny embryo (produced in a glass dish) was implanted in the woman's body.

Shalev said the "encounter between modern Western medicine and holistic approaches derived in the Far East, such as Reiki, have always been accompanied by mutual suspicion. The most frustrating part about IVF is

the conflict between modern technologies and advanced knowledge, on the one hand, and the relatively low success rates on the other. So the attempt to increase the success rates by working on the women's emotional and psychological side is no less legitimate than any purely medical technique.

"Our impression is that women treated with Reiki are much calmer during embryo implantation."

Religious faith binds the generations closer

By BARBARA HALE

If you pray together, you really are more likely to stay together, according to new research at Penn State University and the University of North Carolina.

The study indicates that church attendance not only benefits the faithful themselves, but also shows blessings upon the second and third generations.

Church attendance has already been positively related, in earlier studies, to better health, life satisfaction and happiness. Earlier studies also showed that religious parents and their children have better relationships.

Now, Penn State researcher Valerie King and Dr. Glenn Elder Jr. of the University of North Carolina have shown that churchgoing grandparents have closer, more involved relationships with their grandchildren. Their findings appear in the July 1998 issue of the journal *Research on Aging*.

King, assistant professor of sociology, human development and family studies, presented the findings at a recent meeting of the American Sociological Association.

"Most children today grow up surrounded by contact with active grandparents, but not all grandparents are actively involved with their grandchildren," King says. "But little is known about what motivates grandparents to become involved in grandchildren's lives."

The current study is the first to explore possible motivations, using multiple measures of grandparent involvement, as well as multiple measures of religiosity. Previous studies, which found no correlation between grandparent involvement and religiosity, looked at only two measures of grandparent involvement along with church attendance.

The data were collected by Dr. Rand Conger, professor of sociology and psychology at Iowa State University, his colleagues and Elder in interviews conducted in 1994 with more than 500 white families living in rural Iowa.

The grandchildren were all teenagers, in 12th grade, at the time of data collection and the grand-



Happy together: New research says religious grandparents are more likely to be involved with their grandchildren. (Debbi Cooper)

parents were between 51 and 92 years old. About one-fifth of the teenagers came from a household headed by a single mother. The majority of religious grandparents were Protestant, primarily Lutherans and Methodists.

THE researchers measured "religiosity" by the number of times the grandparent attended church, led services, taught Sunday school, attended religion classes, read the Bible, tuned in to religious TV or radio and prayed, as well as by their agreement that faith gives life meaning, has importance in daily life and provides spiritual comfort.

They measured "involvement" between grandparent and grand-

child by examining the frequency of general contact, the relationship quality and participation in activities. They asked if the grandparent played the roles of mentor and friend, had the perception of knowing the grandchild, taught the grandchild skills and discussed personal problems.

They also looked at whether the grandparent was discussing the grandchild's future with him or her, taking care of the grandchild when he or she was sick and had the perception of being able to influence the grandchild.

They looked to see if the grandparent was indulging the grandchild, the level of conflict, and the perception that the grandparent was

taken seriously by the grandchild.

The researchers found that most of the "religiosity" and "involvement" measures correlated modestly, yet significantly - suggesting that religious grandparents are, indeed, more likely to be involved with their grandchildren in multiple positive ways.

Attendance at church services and public participation in religious activities correlated most strongly with involvement.

"The data don't tell us what it is about religious observance that motivates grandparents to be involved with their grandchildren," said King. "However, the data do indicate that the religious grandparents are, in general, more involved

with all types of family and social ties, and this may be one explanation of their greater involvement with their grandchildren."

While the data came from white Midwesterners, King says her hypothesis is that the findings will also hold for grandparents and grandchildren from other backgrounds.

King and Elder's study is part of a larger examination of the experiential events that shape the grandparent role. They have examined the association between educational attainment and grandparenting, as well as the link between religiosity and the grandparenting role. (Penn State University News Service)

But three sexual items were reinstated for release on a 20-16 party-line vote on a motion by Bank Representative Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas was the only Republican to oppose the release of the additional detail. The committee also rejected on a party-line vote Democratic opposition to a motion to

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Hap. Haifa hold onto league lead

Betar hand Hapoel 3-1 defeat in Jerusalem derby

By DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

The last soccer action of 5758 ended with Hapoel Haifa managing to hang on to the top spot thanks to a 1-0 home victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv, as seven matches produced a record 32 goals in the fourth round of National League play over the weekend.

The round will be completed next Saturday when Maccabi Tel Aviv play Maccabi Haifa, in a fixture rearranged because of Haifa's involvement on Thursday in Europe against Paris St. Germain.

Three matches produced 23 of the goals as Bnei Yehuda, Maccabi Petah Tikva and Hapoel Kfar Sava showed their respective opponents no mercy. The place to be, however, was Teddy Stadium where champions Betar Jerusalem demonstrated just who they are in the City of Gold.

Hapoel Haifa 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0. Eli Guttman's countenance after the match showed the depth of his relief at his side's narrow victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv. This was a match in which the result rather than the dour play mattered most.

From the outset it was clear that the Tel Avivians had come to Kiryat Eliezer in the hope of wresting a solitary point. The visitors erected a wall of steel around their penalty area in the first half, and the Haifaite led by Shai Holtzman in attack proved impotent in their attempts at breaching the Tel Aviv ramparts.

Haifa's deserved break came in the 54th minute when they were rightfully awarded a penalty after Liron Basis had been brought down in the box by Tel Aviv's Yisrael Cohen. Holtzman managed to convert to give the hosts a 1-0 lead.

Tel Aviv then turned their emphasis to attack as Shalom Tikva led the play towards the Haifa goal, but for all their possession, little was translated into moves that looked likely to tie the scores.

Betar Jerusalem 3, Hapoel Jerusalem 1.

Yesterday afternoon's attendance of over 13,000 set a new gate record for a league match at the recently-enlarged Teddy Stadium. On the pitch the league champions found the going much tougher than predicted as Hapoel matched Betar in both passion and creativity in a first half that hardly gave the spectators the chance to draw breath.



100 PERCENT EFFORT - Betar's Tamas Sandor heads the ball at outstretched Hapoel goalkeeper Liran Strauber during the Jerusalem derby at Teddy Stadium yesterday.

A clumsy mistake by Tomer Azulai handed Betar's Stefan Salloi his first goal of the game in the 28th minute to give the hosts the lead, after most of the early efforts had come from the men in the red shirts.

Despite the deficit Hapoel continued to go forward and in the 39th minute Shlomi Danino was on hand to equalize after the ball rebounded off the left post from a powerfully-drilled free kick by Hapoel's Victor Pasha.

As the first half came to a close both goalkeepers were compelled to perform deft saves, and the Betars had the misfortune to see Tamas Sandor denied by the post on the last kick before the break.

Betar's command of the game came with their second goal - a well-flighted free kick was met by a diving header from Sandor in the 57th minute.

Hapoel quickly began to tire, and by the time Salloi scored a contentious penalty in the 79th minute the reds were already

looking a spent force. By the 80th minute Hapoel were down to nine men, after referee Haim Ya'akov handed out two red cards, and their brave showing of the first half seemed a distant memory.

Hapoel's tempers were truly frayed and Shlomi Danino was questioned by police after he swore at a police officer during the match when the officer refused to hand him the ball for a throw-in. He is to be called for further questioning today.

Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Maccabi Herzliya 0.

This exciting balanced contest came to a head halfway through the first period when the Petah Tikvians scored twice in three minutes to snatch victory.

The first came from powerful 25-meter drive from the boot of Ilieu Stan in the 24th minute, followed by Gabor Marton taking advantage of a slip in defense by Herzliya's Ya'acov Koretzky.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hapoel Kfar Sava 5, Ironi Rishon LeZion 2; Bnei Yehuda 6, Maccabi Jaffa 1; Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Maccabi Herzliya 0; Hapoel Beit She'an 1, Zahirim Holon 1; Hapoel Haifa 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0; Betar Jerusalem 3, Hapoel Jerusalem 1; Ironi Ashdod 2, Maccabi Petah Tikva 1.

SECOND DIVISION: Hapoel Lod 1, Hapoel Ashdod 1; Betar Tel Aviv 0, Ness Ziona 1; Hapoel Taiba 2, Betar Beersheba 4; Bnei Sakhnin 0, Maccabi Netanya 1; Hakoah Ramat Gan 3, Maccabi Kfar Kana 0; Hapoel Beersheba 2, Maccabi Acre 0; Maccabi Kiryat Gat 1, Hapoel Bat Yam 1; Hapoel Ashkelon 1, Ahi Nazareth 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Haifa	4	3	1	0	6	0	10
Bnei Yehuda	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Maccabi Petah Tikva	4	3	0	1	14	9	9
Hapoel Kfar Sava	4	3	0	1	13	9	9
Zahirim Holon	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Hapoel Beit She'an	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Hapoel Jerusalem	4	2	0	2	8	5	6
Maccabi Herzliya	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	2	0	2	3	6	6
Hapoel Ashkelon	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
Ironi Rishon LeZion	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
Hapoel Lod	4	1	0	3	1	1	1
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	4	0	0	4	1	19	0

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Toto Plus: 1, 1, X, X, 1, 2, 1, X, 2, X, 1, 1, X, X.

Toto Teko: 4, 7, 13, 16, 17, 26, 28.

SECOND DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bnei Sakhnin	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Maccabi Acre	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Hapoel Ashdod	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Hapoel Beersheba	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Hapoel Kiryat Gat	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Bnei Sakhnin	3	1	0	2	4	3	3
Hapoel Ashdod	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Hapoel Beersheba	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Hapoel Kiryat Gat	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Bnei Sakhnin	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Hapoel Ashdod	3	0	2	1	2	2	2
Hapoel Beersheba	3	0	1	2	3	1	1
Hapoel Kiryat Gat	3	0	1	2	3	0	1

England Commonwealth wins set stage for queen

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - England's Julian Golding easily won the glamour men's 200 meters yesterday, leading a charge by English athletes on the eve of the arrival of Queen Elizabeth at the Commonwealth Games.

Josanne Wise won the women's long jump and Daphne Grant took the gold in the men's high jump to join Golding in setting the stage for the presence at the Games of the symbolic head of the Commonwealth, which grew out of the old British Empire.

Kenya's distance runners nearly overshadowed them with two more gold medals in their string of successes so far in the most grueling races in hot and humid Kuala Lumpur.

After earlier Games victories for the Kenyans in the men's 3,000m steeplechase and the 10,000m, former world record holder Daniel Komen gave them the 5,000m title and Japheth Kimutai won the 800m.

On a day of upsets and near upsets, another cloud hovered over the Games when Malaysian political turmoil raised its head again two days before the event ends tomorrow.

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Sacked finance minister Anwar Ibrahim announced he would hold a rally today in Kuala Lumpur's main Merdeka Square, where the Games marathon ends this morning.

The Queen was also scheduled to visit a nearby church some hours before the rally. Australian Nova Peris-Kneebone caused the day's biggest upset when she was the shock winner of the women's 200m, giving her a gold medal in two different sports in Olympic and Commonwealth competition.

Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony, made a bizarre entry into the sport records of the old British Empire when Maria Mutola captured her country's first Commonwealth gold medal by beating a younger cousin in the women's 800m final.

Both 200m races were derailed by the absence of the two 100m gold medalists, with Chandra Sturup of the Bahamas pulling out because of weariness and Aio Bolding of Trinidad missing the race to compete in Japan.

Golding produced the race of his life against two of his British team mates to claim his first

major title.

The 23-year-old Londoner ran powerfully around the bend and hit the straight in front pushing into silver and bronze Welshman Christian Malcolm and veteran John Regis.

His win denied Australian hopes of taking both 200m races at the same Games, a feat accomplished only three times in the 68-year-old history of the Games.

Two pre-race favorites, Scotland's European champion Dougie Walker and rising 19-year-old Australian star Matt Stirling, ran disappointing races.

Stirling, who finished a superb fourth behind the world's top sprinters in the 100m, faded away a tired sixth in 20.53. Walker, who had been battling a throat infection, finished last in 20.69.

Peris-Kneebone put away the hockey stick she used in Atlanta to become the first indigenous Australian to win an Olympic gold medal and put on running shoes in Kuala Lumpur.

The switch paid off as she produced the run of her sprint career to win the women's 200m gold. Juliet Campbell of Jamaica took silver

and Lauren Hewitt of Australia bronze.

The 25-year-old Mutola, a former world champion, led from the gun and held off cousin Argentina Paulino in the final straight to finish in one minute 57.60 seconds, beating the Games record she set in qualifying.

Paulino finished just ahead of England's Diane Modahl, who won the event at the 1990 Commonwealth Games but was not allowed to defend her title in 1994 after being told she had failed a dope test at an earlier meeting.

She fought a long legal battle and cleared her name. "It's not quite a fairy-tale ending, but I feel it's the end of the chapter of the last four years," Modahl said.

There was an upset in the cricket final when South Africa easily beat favorites Australia by four wickets to claim the debut gold medal of the sport in the Games.

Australia, hot favorites for the men's hockey gold, had a scare in the semifinal match against England just snatching a 3-2 win in extra time.

Host Malaysia added even more drama by upsetting India 1-0 in the other semifinal.

SPORTS

in brief

Volleyballers enter European elite

The national volleyball team reached the European Championships A division last night by beating Slovenia 3-1 at Tel Aviv's Hadar Yosef stadium.

Israel won 15-8, 15-4, 5-15 and 15-8. In the previous game between the two countries, Slovenia had beaten Israel 3-1 to lead the section in the B division.

Last night's result now places Israel in an unassailable position, leading Slovenia, Denmark, Sweden and Romania. Heather Chait

Graf to undergo wrist surgery

BONN (Reuters) - Former world No. 1 Steffi Graf is to undergo wrist surgery and will not resume training until mid-October, German daily Bild reported yesterday.

German Graf, who was knocked out by Switzerland's Patty Schnyder in the fourth round at the US Open earlier this month, has pulled out of two tournaments next month in Filderstadt, Germany, and Moscow, Bild said.

Driver killed in crash at Nuerburgring

BONN (Reuters) - A German driver was killed in a high-speed crash yesterday at the Nuerburgring motor racing track, which will host the Luxembourg Formula One Grand Prix next week, race organisers said.

Wolfgang Scholz, 40, lost control of his car and spun into a wall at the Breidscheid section during a touring car event. He died in the ambulance that was taking him to a helicopter.

Sugar rejects new takeover bid

LONDON (Reuters) - Alan Sugar rejected a new takeover bid for English premier league club Tottenham Hotspur on Friday.

Sugar, chairman of the London club and owner of 40 percent of its shares, announced last month that he wanted to sell his controlling interest, but has now turned down two bids.

The first came last week from leisure company ENIC and the latest, which offered an increased price per share for 29.9 percent of the company, was from a consortium including journalist and TV presenter Richard Littlejohn.

"Alan Sugar described me and our bid as a fantasy but it was very much based in reality," said Littlejohn on Friday.

Souness banished from bench

LISBON (Reuters) - Benfica coach Graeme Souness received a one month touchline ban from the Portuguese league's disciplinary committee on Friday.

The Scot was also fined 500,000 escudos (\$2,900) following incidents during a match against champions Porto at the end of last season.

Benfica won the bad-tempered game 3-0, but Souness was involved in a number of heated arguments with Porto players.

Camacho stands by Cyprus failures for Russia friendly

MADRID (Reuters) - New Spanish coach Jose Antonio Camacho has kept faith with the side humiliated 3-2 by Cyprus in a European championship qualifier two weeks ago.

But the former Real Madrid player, who took over from Javier Clemente this week, has introduced seven new players to the squad for Wednesday's international against Russia in Granada.

And he warned on Friday his first team will have to represent their country with pride and passion if they are to retain their places.

"The national team has prestige and each time Spain make the field we are playing for everyone in the country," he said.

"I know that a lot of players are involved in high-level European competition and they are under a lot of pressure and that this is only a friendly."

"But the players can't think of this as a friendly. The players in this squad are the best available and they have to perform like that." He added: "Here no-one has a fixed place. This is just the first list - it's not closed off to other players."

The shock defeat to Cyprus precipitated Clemente's downfall.

Apart from injured pair Alfonso Perez and Miguel Angel Nadal the starting line-up will stay the same against Russia.

Also ruled out through injury was Ivan de la Pena, the former Barcelona midfielder now with Lazio.

De la Pena is widely regarded as the best player never to play for Spain and he is expected to make Camacho's squad when he has recovered.

Camacho has dropped defenders Abelardo Fernandez and Agustin Aranzabal and midfielders Guillermo Amor and Santiago Ezquerro.

No. 2 goalkeeper Antonio Prats of Real Betis makes way for Camacho's former 'keeper at Espanyol, Toni Jimenez - a logical decision, according to Camacho.

The other new faces in the squad are defenders Vicente Engonga and Paco Martin, midfielders Ito Alvarez, Bitor Alkiza and Francisco de Pedro and Atletico Madrid striker Jordi Lardin.

Squad Goalkeepers: Santiago Canizares (Valencia), Toni Jimenez (Espanyol), Belarmino (Real Betis), Bitor Alkiza (Athletic Bilbao), Carlos Aguilera (Atletico Madrid), Sergi Barjuan (Barcelona), Michel Salgado (Celta Vigo), Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid), Vicente Engonga (Mallorca), Paco Martin (Real Zaragoza).

Midfielders: Luis Enrique (Barcelona), Ito Alvarez (Real Betis), Bitor Alkiza (Athletic Bilbao), Francisco de Pedro (Real Sociedad), Soriano Joseba Etxebarria (Athletic Bilbao), Kiko (Atletico Madrid), Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid), Raul Gonzalez (Real Madrid), Jordi Lardin (Atletico Madrid).

Kafelnikov, Henman reach Tashkent final

TASHKENT (Reuters) - Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Britain's Tim Henman reached the final of the \$500,000 President's Cup in Uzbekistan with victories over French opponents yesterday.

Top seed Kafelnikov, the crowd favorite, had the easier passage, taking just an hour to power past lacklustre third seed Cedric Pioline 6-2 6-2. On a hot and humid afternoon in the former Soviet republic, his superior baseline game was too much for Pioline, who looked out of sorts and made too many unforced errors to trouble the former French Open champion.

Defending champion Henman, the second seed, had a tougher time. He recovered from a bad case of diarrhoea earlier in the day to subdue the up-and-coming Nicolas Escude 3-6 6-3 6-4 in one hour and 50 minutes.

Escude raced to a 3-0 lead and went on to win the first set comfortably, mixing volleys and ground strokes well to unsettle Henman.

Henman came back strongly in the second set, getting the vital break in game two with a lob which nearly cleared the roof of the oval stadium and a good retrieval from Escude's smash.

The third set went with serve until the seventh game, which proved to be the turning point. Escude clawed back to deuce from 0-40 but was finally broken by a brilliant running forehand pass down the line.

In England, defending champion Felix Mantilla and Alberto Costa underlined Spain's clay court supremacy by setting up an all-Spanish final at the Bournemouth Open today.

Under a blazing sun more reminiscent of the Costa del Sol than southern England in September, the 23-year-olds beat unseeded European opponents to claim their places in today's battle for the winner's cheque of \$54,000.

Mantilla, the third seed, stayed on course to retain the title when he beat British-born German Marc-Kevin Goellner 6-4 6-2 in the first semifinal, showing too much ground stroke consistency as he sped to victory in 54 minutes.

Costa, the 1996 champion and second seed, defeated flamboyant Italian left-hander Vincenzo Santopadre 7-6 (7-3) 6-0 in the other semifinal.

Israel-France Davis Cup tie promises quality tennis

By HEATHER CHAIT

In 1996 the French Davis Cup team beat hosts Sweden 3-2 to win the Davis Cup trophy for their second time.

This weekend a hungry French team plays Israel in Ramat Hasharon for the chance to re-enter the 1999 World Group and restore the glory that was French tennis.

Besides the winning pickings of \$94,000 from the ITF, the visitors will be extra motivated by the send-off for Yannick Noah, captaining the team for the last time.

"France has one of the best teams and one of the best captains in the world," said Amos Mansdorf at a press conference on Friday, "and there's no doubt which is the better team."

However, Mansdorf, who played for Israel in the two previous ties [Israel lost to France 4-1 in 1989 in Tel Aviv and 5-0 in 1991 in Rennes], pointed out that while Israel have always been the underdogs, this time the visitors have a weaker team.

Playing for France will be Cedric Pioline, 17 in the ATP Tour rankings, Nicolas Escude (39), Guillaume Raoux (45) and Jerome Golmard (55) with



MUSTERING EXTRA HELP - Israel's Amir Hadad asks for divine assistance at his Ramle synagogue ahead of the Davis Cup tie against France next weekend.

Sebastian Grosjean as the fifth player.

Fabrice Santoro (32), France's No. 2 player, has been omitted due to a personal clash with Noah.

Fifty French media people will accompany the squad and the matches will be televised live both here and in France.

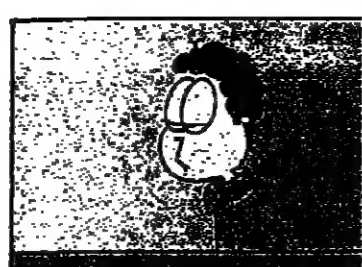
The players for Israel will be Eyal Erlich, Eyal Ran, Noam Behr and Amir Hadad with Harel Levy as the fifth player.

Captain Shlomo Glickstein has until the day before the tie begins to name his men for the singles rubber.

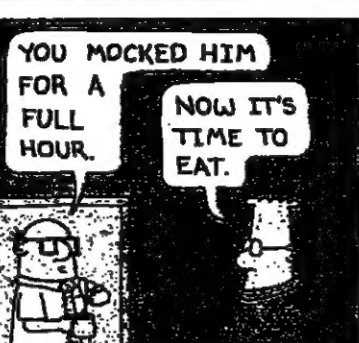
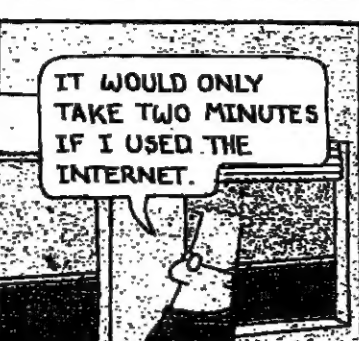
"France are the favorites but our players are young and have done well this summer [Erlich and Behr qualified for the main draw of the US Open]," said Mansdorf, adding "I believe we can win one of the singles on the first day and then the whole tie will be open."

Mansdorf called on local supporters, starved of tennis at this level since the demise of the Ramat Hasharon tournament, to cheer the home team. "This is a chance to watch excellent tennis," he said.

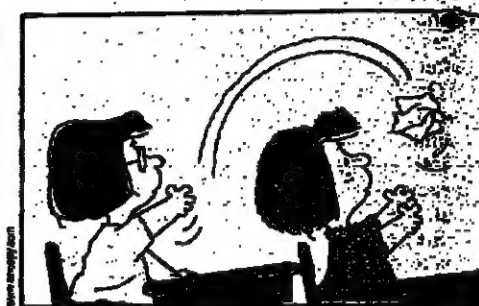
Tickets for the matches are NIS100 for a VIP box, NIS60-70 for adults per day and NIS25 for youth and soldiers.



BY SCOTT ADAMS



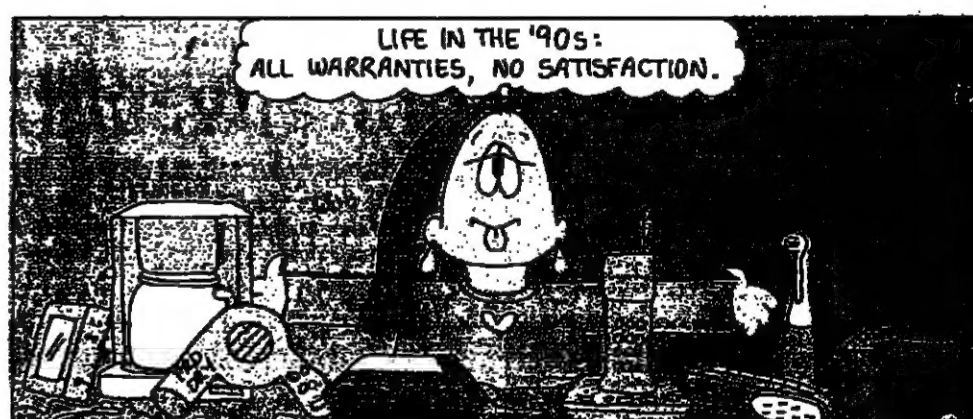
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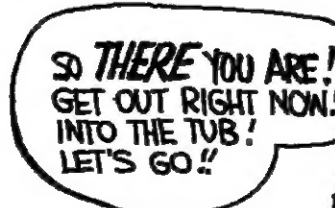
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'Sexy' Newcastle too hot for Coventry

LONDON (Reuters) — Dutchman Ruud Gullit came to Newcastle United promising plenty of "sexy football" and for the second week running his players turned on the style by thrashing Coventry City 5-1 away yesterday.

England captain Alan Shearer scored twice, to add to the couple he hit in a 4-0 home win over Southampton last Saturday, as the Magpies continued their return to form since Gullit replaced former manager Kenny Dalglish in late August.

The result lifted Newcastle's points tally to eight from six games, six points behind leaders Aston Villa, who drew 0-0 at Leeds United. Liverpool slipped to third on 11 points after a 3-3 draw with Charlton at Anfield where Robbie Fowler marked his return from injury with two goals for the home side.

Coventry actually went in front against Newcastle from a Noel Whelan header after four minutes but were never in the match after that.

Greek defender Nikos Dabizas headed Newcastle level after 14 minutes and Shearer, with a low shot, and Gary Speed, with a header, made it 3-1 at the interval.

Stephen Glass ran through to make it 4-1 after 58 minutes and Shearer completed another consummate performance with the fifth from a corner in the final minute.

Julian Joachim should have won the game for Villa at Leeds late on but he shot wide when given a clear sight of goal by Robert Molenaar's mistake.

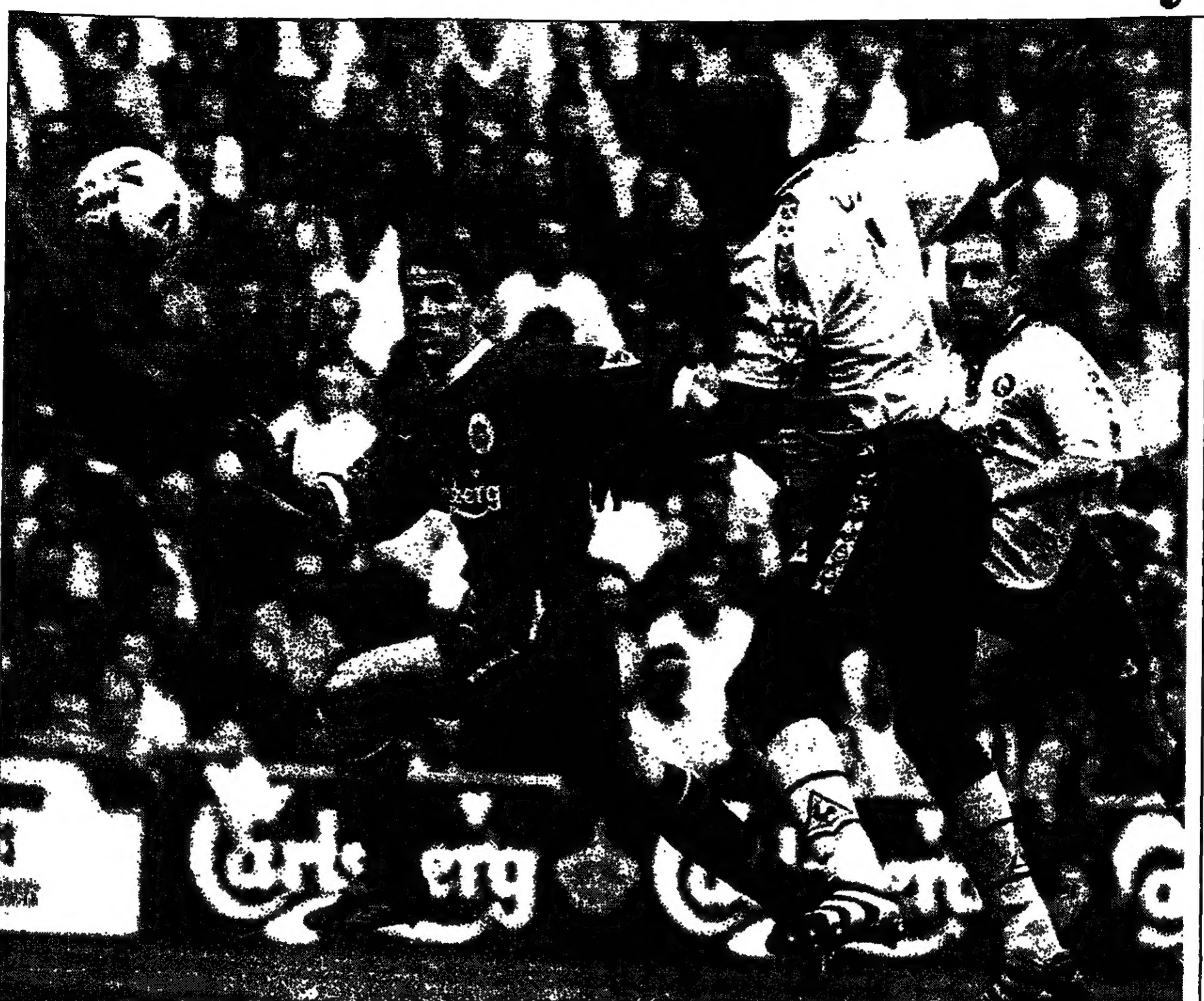
But Fowler showed he had lost none of his scoring touch with his two goals on his return after a seven-month injury lay-off.

Charlton led 1-0 and 2-1 before Steve Jones' late volley grabbed them a point. Patrick Berger scored Liverpool's other goal.

Derby County are second on 12 points after a 2-0 home win over near neighbours Leicester City.

Derby, who went 4-0 down in the first 15 minutes of the corresponding fixture last season, scored through Stefan Schnoor (34) and gangly Costa Rican Paulo Wanchope (51).

Wimbledon moved to fourth after a 2-1 home win over Sheffield Wednesday while



TESTING THE WONDERBOY — Liverpool's Michael Owen rushes to follow a header from Charlton's Richard Rufus at Anfield yesterday.

Middlesbrough drew 2-2 with Everton.

Nottingham Forest were held 0-0 at home by West Ham and bottom club Southampton picked up their first point in a 1-1 home

draw with Tottenham.

Champions Arsenal play host to Manchester United today.

In Scotland, Rangers stayed top of the premier division without kicking a ball after rivals

blew their chances of going top.

Aberdeen lost 2-0 at St Johnstone while Motherwell and Kilmarnock, who both went into the match two points behind

Rangers, fought out a 0-0 draw.

Rangers, with 10 points from five games, are at home to champions Celtic, who have eight points, today.

Dundee United stayed rooted to the bottom after narrowly fail-

ing to pull off their first win of the season at local rivals Dundee. They drew 2-2 with Dundee's Dariusz Adamczuk scoring his side's equaliser in the 89th minute.

Leicestershire win County Championship

LONDON (Reuters) — Leicestershire won the English county championship for the second time in three years and only the third in their history by defeating Surrey at the Oval by an innings and 211 runs yesterday.

They won 11 and drew six of their 17 matches to become only the fourth side since the war to win the title unbeaten.

Against Surrey they had virtually assured themselves of success by scoring 585 for 6 declared in their first innings.

Surrey, second in the table before the start, were reduced to one stage on Friday to eight for four in their first innings and finished 146 all out.

Following on, Surrey lost half their team for 106, including England's Graham Thorpe run out for two, to follow his duck in the first innings.

Thorpe was playing his first match since suffering a back injury earlier in the season which required an operation.

Adam Hobbins resisted with an unbeaten 46, but a stumping by wicket-keeper Paul Nixon gave Leicestershire the final wicket that ensured the title.

Founded in 1879, Leicestershire waited until 1975 to win their first championship some 85 years after

the modern competition began.

Surrey, having led the table for much of the season, face the prospect of finishing no higher than fifth if Lancashire and Gloucestershire both win today.

Lancashire, in third place, pressed on towards victory over Hampshire knowing that their title chances had disappeared.

They set their visitors a daunting target of 463 to win, then took eight wickets for 232, needing two more on the final day to make sure of finishing runners-up.

Essex will finish bottom of the table for the first time since 1950 after losing inside three days to Northamptonshire, the team immediately above them.

Essex were dismissed for only 95 in their second innings, leaving their visitors needing 177 to win. They reached the target with seven wickets in hand.

Former England captain Mike Gatting scored 62 in his final innings before retirement, for Middlesex against Derbyshire.

Gloucestershire's Tim Hancock made a career-best 220 not out against Nottinghamshire, improving his team's prospects of winning prize-money by finishing in the top four.

Yorkshire could take third place after beating Sussex by 10 wickets at Hove.

FA backs Hoddle but no new contract yet

LONDON (Reuters) — England coach Glenn Hoddle got the backing of his bosses at the Football Association on Friday but will face a further grilling over his controversial World Cup book.

Following a 90-minute encounter where Hoddle presented his official World Cup report, chairman Noel White said the England boss had the International Committee's majority support.

At a news conference afterwards, FA chief executive Graham Kelly said a six-man sub-committee, including himself and White, had been set-up to discuss a two-year extension to Hoddle's existing contract, which would take him to the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea. It would also discuss the issue of

Hoddle's book.

"I had various conversations with Glenn after the World Cup when it (the extension) was put back because he didn't want to talk about it in the immediate aftermath," said Kelly.

"He is now willing to do so, and a special group has been set up to take the matter forward. I will be meeting Glenn next week. I'm sure he'll have conditions and so will we.

But hopefully the situation can be resolved as quickly as possible. We want to have continuity," Kelly said. The new contract could depend on how Hoddle "reacts to certain situations" — the FA's concern over his World Cup book and his reliance on faith-healer Eileen Drewery.

None of the 15 committee members present on

Friday raised either issue with the England coach. In his book Hoddle said his one mistake during France 98 was not to have Drewery with the squad.

Kelly said: "I am sure there are concerns as far as the book is concerned even though there were no revelations and no confidences were broken."

"But committee members are happy to let the sub-committee deal with these issues," White added. "There are a couple of problems but they are minor problems." The meeting also asked Hoddle to press on its concerns to Paul Hewson following his "unacceptable behavior," when he gave a V-sign after being sent-off in England's recent European Championship qualifier defeat in Sweden.

Blatter vetoes video aid for English referees

LONDON (Reuters) — World soccer boss Sepp Blatter on Friday welcomed England's plans to introduce full-time referees next season but said the country had no permission to start using video evidence to help rule on disputed goals.

The English premier league plans to become the first to introduce professional referees and is considering using technology to help officials make decisions when there is a dispute over whether the ball has crossed the goal line.

"We are absolutely delighted that the premier league is looking at introducing professional referees," said FIFA president Blatter who has been calling for full-time referees for several years.

He said that soccer's International Board, the law-making body of the game, had given English officials the go-ahead to study the development of new technology but experimenting with it in a major league was another matter.

"That is four or so steps down the road," Blatter said. "The referee should remain the sole authority on the pitch." FIFA is keen to protect the referee in an age when every controversial incident is studied by an array of television cameras.

The world body is also against England's idea of having sponsorship of officials' kit.

Premier league referees' officer

Philip Don said on Friday that officials would try to persuade Europe's governing body UEFA to permit sponsorship of officials' kit.

Don said footballing authorities could pay for a small group of professional referees but that sponsorship would probably be needed to pay for all referees to be fully professional.

But Blatter said: "There is a FIFA rule from 1987 which says that there should be no advertising on referees' jerseys. There is enough money in the game to take some percentage (of the costs) from the clubs and federations."

Television evidence has been used before to rule on domestic football disputes.

Hingis puts Switzerland level in Fed Cup final with Spain

GENEVA (Reuters) — World No. 1 Martina Hingis pulled Switzerland level 1-1 with Spain yesterday by brushing aside Oihana Martinez 6-4 6-4 in her country's first Fed Cup final.

French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, relying on her experience and trademark tenacity, won the final six games as she battled past a tiring Patty Schnyder 6-2 3-6 6-2 in the opening singles.

In a re-match of the Australian Open final, Hingis was rarely troubled against Martinez and improved her Fed Cup singles record to 17-2.

She was welcomed by 10,000 cowbell-clanging supporters and the 17-year-old, showing signs of nerves, began the match tentatively, dropping two of her first three service games to fall behind 4-2.

But using her solid all-court game, Hingis quickly steadied herself, sweeping the next five games on the way to taking the first set.

In the second, Hingis got what

appeared to be the decisive break to go in front 4-2 but failed to wrap up the match, squandering two match points as Martinez broke back to 5-4.

Angry at herself for letting the victory slip away, Hingis did not allow Martinez another point on her way to victory.

"I was really upset with myself when I lost my serve and two match points," said Hingis. "After that I just told myself I'm going to do it now."

"I knew when I was down 4-2 that I had a good record against her and stopped making stupid mistakes. I was able to raise my game the second set and everyone saw that," Schnyder, who won both her singles matches in the semifinal defeat of France, also started nervously in front of the large crowd and meekly surrendered the opening set.

The 19-year-old Swiss fought back bravely to take the second but Sanchez-Vicario, displaying the cool of a battle-hardened Fed Cup veteran, went on to claim the

third set, taking the final six games from her fading opponent.

"The long a match goes, the better it is for me but the key was that I decided to concentrate more and attack in the third set," said Sanchez-Vicario, who along with Martinez has figured in all four of Spain's Fed Cup wins.

"I knew I was strong physically and would be there in the third set." In the decade since reaching its first final in 1989, Spain has been the most successful nation in the Fed Cup, reaching eight finals and winning four.

Pounding away at Schnyder from the baseline, Sanchez-Vicario had looked ready to roll to an easy win, breaking Schnyder twice in the opening set to take a commanding 5-1 lead.

But after dropping her opening serve of the second and falling behind 2-0, Schnyder finally began to settle down and play up to her number nine ranking, breaking back at 2-1.

Now revelling in the crowd's support, Schnyder wrested control

of the match from Sanchez-Vicario, getting the decisive break when the French Open champion double-faulted at 5-3.

She took the second set and the momentum seemed to have moved to the Swiss for good as Schnyder went on to break the Spaniard's opening serve in the third to move ahead 2-0.

But Sanchez-Vicario responded magnificently, sweeping the next six games to take the match.

"Arantxa is always tough, she runs down everything, she'll probably die on the court one day," said Hingis, who will look to improve her 7-1 record against the Spaniard when they clash in the first match of the reverse singles on Sunday.

"She's tough opponent but I'm confident. I played a solid game today and it was nice having the all those people cheering for you."

"Being number one people usually cheer for the underdog so the crowd is usually against me."

"It's nice having them cheer for me for a change."

US takes early lead at Solheim Cup

DUBLIN, Ohio (Reuters) — The United States, boosted by Dottie Pepper and Brandie Burton, took three of four alternate shot matches from Europe Friday morning to help the hosts take a 3-1 lead in the Solheim Cup at Muirfield Village.

Pepper, who has competed in all five Solheim Cup events, teamed with Juli Inkster to defeat veteran Laura Davies and Trish Johnson, 3 and 1. Burton joined Meg Mallon to defeat Helen Alfredsson and Alison Nicholas, 3 and 1.

Kelly Robbins and Pat Hurst gave the United States a 3-0 lead by holding off Lisa Hackney and Liselotte Neumann, 1 up.

Europe escaped a shutout in the fouromes as two-time LPGA Tour Player of the Year Annika Sorenstam and Catriona Matthew defeated Donna Andrews and a pregnant Tammie Green, 4 and 3.

The three-day, 28-match competition, the LPGA's version of the Ryder Cup, is taking place at the site of the 1987 Ryder Cup.

Baseball standings and scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	59	56	.510	—	NY Yankees	106	46	.697	—
NY Mets	86	69	.555	13	Boston	86	66	.566	20
Philadelphia	70	83	.458	28	Toronto	82	72	.532	25
Pittsburgh	62	92	.403	36	Baltimore	77	76	.506	29
Florida	51	103	.331	47	Tampa Bay	61	91	.401	45
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	98	57	.632	—	Chicago Cubs	86	66	.566	—
Chicago Cubs	87	68	.561	11	White Sox	73	80	.477	13
St. Louis	77	77	.500	20	Kansas City	70	82	.461	16
Milwaukee	72	82	.468	25	Minnesota	65	88	.425	21
Cincinnati	71	83	.461	26	Detroit	60	94	.390	27
Pittsburgh	68	85	.444	29	West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Los Angeles	83	70	.542	—
San Diego	95	60	.613	—	San Francisco	81	72	.527	1
San Francisco	82	71	.536	12	Seattle	73	80	.474	10
Los Angeles	78	76	.506	16	Oakland	69	84	.451	14
Colorado	74	81	.477	21	San Diego	61	91	.401	20
Arizona	62	93	.400	33					

Friday's AL games: Yankees 15, Baltimore 5; Cleveland 4, Kansas City 1; Detroit 5, Minnesota 4 (11 innings); Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 1; White Sox 11, Boston 9; Texas 3, Oakland 1; Seattle 5, Anaheim 3 (12 innings).

Thursday's AL games: Seattle 8, Oakland 0; N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 0; Cleveland 9, Minnesota 1; Boston 3, Baltimore 2 (10 innings); Detroit 7, Toronto 4; Kansas City 13, Chicago White Sox 4; Texas 7, Anaheim 6.

Premier League: Coventry 1, Newcastle 5; Derby 2, Leicester 0; Leeds 0, Aston Villa 0; Liverpool 3, Charlton 3; Middlesbrough 2, Everton 2; Nottingham Forest 0, West Ham 0; Southampton 1, Tottenham 1; Wimbledon 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Aston Villa	6	3	2	1	7	12	12
Derby	6	3	0	3	7	11	9
Liverpool	6	3	2	1	10	11	11
Wimbledon	6	3	2	1	10	11	11
Leeds	6	2	4	0	5	1	10
Middlesbrough	6	2	3	1	8	6	9
West Ham	6	2	3	1	6	5	9
Manchester U.	4	2	2	0	8	3	8
Newcastle	6	2	2	2	11	7	8
Arsenal	5	1	4	0	3	2	7
Nottingham	6	2	1	3	5	7	7
Tottenham	6	2	1	3	5	7	7
Sheff. Wednesday	6	2	0	4	5	6	6
Charlton	6	1	3	2	10	9	6
Everton	6	1	3	2	4	5	6
QPR	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Leicester	6	1	2	3	5	7	5
Blackburn	5	1	1	3	2	6	4
Coventry	6	1	1	4	3	11	4
Southampton	6	0	1	5	3	17	1

Division One: Barnsley 4, Crystal Palace 0; Birmingham 0, Grimsby 1; Bury 0, Tranmere 0; Crewe 4, Bolton 4; Huddersfield 2, Wolverhampton 1; Ipswich 3, Bristol City 1; Port Vale 0, Portsmouth 2; Queens Park Rangers 2, Stockport 0; Sheffield United 2, Norwich 1; Sunderland 7, Oxford United 0; Swindon 1, Watford 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Huddersfield	9	6	1	2	15	10	19
Sunderland	8	5	3	0	22	4	18
Birmingham	9	4	1	4	12	16	16
Bury	9	4	0	5	7	16	16
Walsall	8	5	0	3	14	15	15
Sheffield Utd	9	4	2	3	15	16	14
Wolverhampton	8	4	2	2	12	7	14
Bolton	7	3	4	0	18	13	13
West Brom	7	4	1	2	17	12	13
Ipswich	8	4	1	1	12	8	13
Northwich	7	4	1	2	12	8	13
Portsmouth	9	3	3	3	16	13	12
Barnsley	8	3	3	2	12	10	12
Grimsby	9	3	2	4	10	10	11
Stockport	9	2	4	3	9	12	10
Swindon	9	2	2	5	12	20	8
Crewe	8	2	2	4	12	14	8
Crystal Palace	7	2	2	3	7	11	8
Port Vale	8	2	1	5	5	14	7
Oxford United	9	1	3	5	9	21	6
QPR	8	1	3	4	6	11	6
Bradford	7	1	2	4	8	13	5
Bristol City	9	0	4	5	11	20	4
Tranmere	7	0	4	3	4	12	4

Division Two: Blackpool 1, Luton 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Lincoln City 0; Fulham 3, York 3; Gillingham 2, Burnley 1; Manchester City 1, Chesterfield 1; Millwall 2, Northampton 1; Oldham 0, Preston 1; Reading 1, Colchester 1; Wigan 2, Macclesfield 0; Wrexham 0, Stoke 1; Wycombe 0, Bournemouth 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stoke	9	8	0	1	16	5	24
Preston	9	6	2	1	21	10	19
Northampton	9	5	2	2	12	6	17
Blackpool	9	5	2	2	12	11	17
Luton	9	5	2	2	11	7	17
Walsall	8	5	2	1	13	10	16
Manchester City	8	4	3	1	11	7	15
Fulham	8	4	3	1	10	5	15
Bristol Rovers	9	3	4	2	14	10	13
Millwall	8	4	1	3	8	13	13
York	8	3	3	2	13	12	12
Colchester	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
Wigan	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
Sheff Wed	9	3	3	3	10	11	11
Crees County	9	3	2	4	4	7	11
Gillingham	9	2	4	3	12	10	9
Wigan	9	3	1	5	10	10	10
Oldham	9	2	2	5	9	14	8
Donkey	9	2	2	5	8	12	6
Northampton	9	1	4	4	8	12	5
Sheff Wed	9	1	3	5	6	17	5
Lincoln City	9	1	2	6	3	10	5
Graysfield	9	0	2	6	3	10	2
Wycombe	8	0	2	6	4	13	2

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Indians release Fielder

CLEVELAND (Reuters) - The Cleveland Indians decided they would not require the services of veteran slugger Cecil Fielder for their playoff campaign and released the designated hitter/first baseman on Friday.

Fielder, let go by the Anaheim Angels on Aug. 5, signed with Cleveland nine days later to fill in for All-Star first baseman Jim Thome, who had suffered a broken hand.

But Fielder, who hit just .143 (5-for-35) without an RBI for Cleveland, became expendable with the emergence of talented rookie first baseman Richie Sexson and the recent return of Thome.

McGwire
hits 64th,
Sosa at 63

MILWAUKEE (Reuters) - Mark McGwire crushed his 64th home run to regain sole possession of the all-time record, hitting a game-tying two-run blast in the fourth inning as the St. Louis Cardinals posted a 5-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday.

With none out and Ray Lankford on second in the fourth, McGwire erased a 2-0 deficit when he ripped a 3-1 offering from rookie Rafael Roque (4-2) into a tunnel in the left-center field seats.

He had been tied for the all-time single season homer mark with the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa, who is homerless in two games since hitting his 63rd on Wednesday against San Diego.

McGwire's two-run shot traveled 417 feet. It sparked a four-run fourth for St. Louis (77-77), which won for the fifth time in six games to reach .500 for the first time since it was 38-38 on June 24th.

McGwire said the ball he hit was close to the plate, "and I got my arms extended. It was a 3-1 fastball. All I am trying to do

every at bat is to get a pitch to drive." "I wish every player could feel the way I have been feeling," McGwire said.

McGwire walked in his first at-bat, flied out in the sixth and fouled out to the catcher in the eighth to remain at 451 career homers.

In Chicago, Sammy Sosa and his 63 homers were left in the on-deck circle, and the Chicago Cubs were left with a demoralizing defeat.

Sosa went 0-for-4 with a strikeout in a 6-4 loss to the Cincinnati Reds. The Cubs needed a baserunner in the bottom of the ninth inning to bring up Sosa as the tying run at the plate, but Gabe White retired Jeff Blauser, Lance Johnson and Glenallen Hill in order.

"They did not give me too much to hit today," said Sosa. "Not everyday can I hit a home run. I'm happy to be where I am and anything that happens from now on is a gift for me. I just want to play good and win."

The Cubs maintained their one-game lead in their wild-card race when the New York Mets lost to the Florida Marlins.

Disputed Sosa home run
ball ordered locked up

CHICAGO (Reuters) - A judge on Friday ordered the baseball that Chicago Cubs' slugger Sammy Sosa hit for a record-tying 62nd home run be locked up until a dispute over its ownership is settled.

When Sosa hit the 480-foot shot last Sunday it cleared the bleachers at Chicago's Wrigley Field and started a minor brawl as a crowd scrambled in the street. A fan named Brendan Cunningham emerged with the ball.

Cunningham said he got it fair and square but another fan, Gary "Moe" Mullins, said he had caught the ball and was robbed by Cunningham, and sued to get the ball back.

Judge Michael Getty of Cook County Circuit court agreed to a request by lawyers for Mullins to keep the ball locked up for at least 10 days to prevent it from being sold or otherwise disposed of. There was no estimate of the ball's worth.

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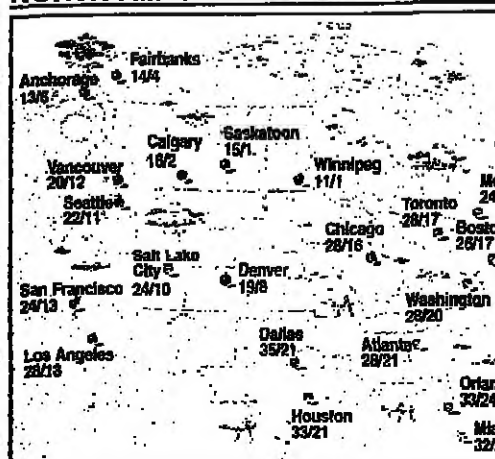
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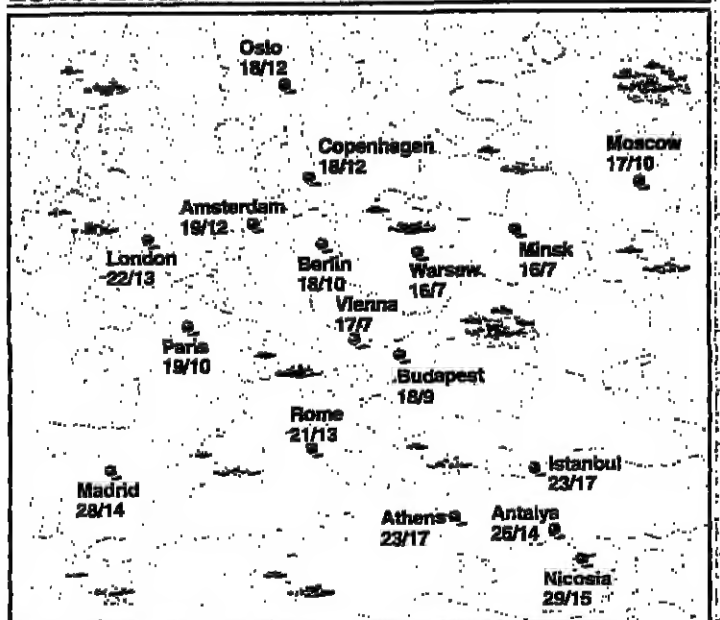
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City	Today		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	31/88	11/52	32/88	11/52	31/88	13/55	31/88	13/55
Beer Sheva	29/84	14/57	30/85	16/61	30/85	17/62	30/85	17/62
Dead Sea	35/95	18/64	36/97	19/66	36/97	20/71	36/97	21/70
Eilat	35/97	18/64	36/97	20/68	37/98	21/70	36/97	21/70
Haifa	27/80	19/56	27/80	20/58	26/82	21/70	26/82	21/70
Jerusalem	25/79	13/55	27/80	13/55	27/80	14/57	27/80	14/57
Katzen	30/85	9/48	32/88	9/48	32/88	11/52	32/88	11/52
Netanya	28/82	19/61	28/82	17/62	28/84	18/64	28/84	18/64
Tel Aviv	28/82	19/61	28/82	17/62	28/84	18/64	28/84	18/64
Tiberias	32/89	19/64	33/91	18/64	34/93	19/65	33/91	19/65

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Monday		Tuesday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Amsterdam	19/66	12/53	20/68	13/55	23/73	15/59
Berlin	20/68	13/55	23/73	17/62	26/78	17/62
Brussels	18/64	10/50	18/64	12/53	22/71	14/57
Chicago	20/68	12/53	19/65	13/55	23/73	14/57
Cairo	33/91	19/64	33/91	18/64	32/88	18/64
Frankfurt	18/64	9/48	18/64	10/50	23/73	13/55
Hong Kong	29/84	24/75	29/84	25/77	31/88	27/80
Johannesburg	24/75	11/52	28/82	13/55	28/82	14/57
London	17/62	13/55	22/71	14/57	25/77	17/62
Los Angeles	22/73	13/55	27/80	14/57	28/82	15/59
Madrid	28/82	14/57	28/79	11/52	24/75	11/52
Mexico City	25/77	16/61	27/71	14/57	24/75	14/57
Montreal	24/75	16/61	23/73	13/55	19/65	13/55
Moscow	17/62	10/50	16/61	9/48	21/70	12/53
New York	26/78	20/68	26/82	18/64	24/75	13/55
Paris	19/66	10/50	19/65	10/50	23/71	12/53
Prague	16/61	9/48	17/62	13/55	22/71	17/62
Rio de Janeiro	23/73	17/62	23/73	17/62	23/73	17/62
Rome	21/70	13/55	19/65	13/55	22/71	12/53
Sydney	19/65	11/52	19/65	10/50	24/75	15/59
Tokyo	24/75	24/75	28/82	25/77	30/88	27/80
Toronto	28/82	17/62	22/71	9/48	16/61	9/48
Vienna	17/62	7/44	17/62	8/46	19/65	12/53
Warsaw	16/61	7/44	17/62	8/46	21/70	11/52
Washington	28/82	20/68	28/82	19/65	27/80	14/57
Zurich	17/62	7/44	17/62	8/46	17/62	10/50

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